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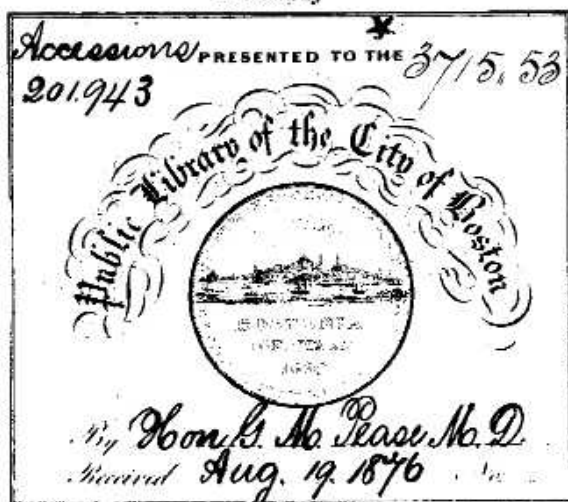
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The minutes of the former meeting were read and approved.

The Chairman called for the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

Dr. Pease read the draft as prepared by the committee. The Constitution and By-laws were then acted upon, article by article, and accepted as a whole.

A Committee upon Printing and Correspondence was then chosen, with full powers. This committee consisted of Drs. Pease, Thomas, and Wilson.

It was voted to reconsider the vote by which Article III. of the Constitution was adopted. Dr. Geary then moved that the name of Dr. J. N. Eckel be included in the list of founders of the society. The Chairman then called Dr. Knapp to the chair and made some lengthy remarks in opposition to Dr. Geary's motion; after which he resumed the chair. Remarks followed from several others present, and the motion of Dr. Geary being put to vote, was lost. The grounds of objection being the report that Dr. Eckel was not possessed of a diploma. The original article was then adopted.

The election of officers to hold office until the annual meeting, or until their successors were elected, was then held, resulting in the election of Dr. Selfridge as President, Dr. Knapp Vice - President, Dr. Beakley General Secretary, Dr. Albertson Treasurer. Drs. Pease, Ingerson, and Cushing, Censors.

Adjourned to meet on the first Wednesday of November for the annual meeting.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This Association shall be called THE PACIFIC HOMŒOPATHIC MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Society shall be the advancement of the science of Medicine and Surgery.

ARTICLE III.—OF WHOM COMPOSED.

This Society shall be composed of Drs. J. M. Selfridge, J. F. Geary, J. A. Albertson, H. Knapp, H. H. Ingerson, M. T. Wilson, F. H. Thomas, J. J. Cushing, J. N. Eckel, J. S. Beakley, and G. M. Pease, and such others as may from time to time be elected, in conformity with the By-Laws of the Society.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

The Officers of the Society shall be a President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer, and three Censors.

ARTICLE V.

The members of this Society consider Homœopathy superior to any known system of medicine, being based upon the humane principle of the "Organon," which says, "The highest and only calling of the physician is to heal the sick, called curing;" and "The highest ideal of cure is speedy, gentle, permanent restitution of health." We acknowledge "Similia Similibus curantur" as the only known law of cure; but we accept this law as pertaining to and governing the use of DRUGS ONLY.

We believe that it follows, from the principles above stated, that we consider it necessary for a member of this Society that he should adhere in his practice to the cardinal points of the "Organon of the Healing art," *i. e.*, the selection of the most similar remedy, and the smallest dose which, in his judgment, will cure.

Having determined the basis of Homœopathy and decided to be governed by its maxims, it follows that the dignity of our responsible position as a society of Homœopathic physicians demands that those claiming the title of Homœopathic physicians shall not be justified in practicing the administration of drugs contrary to the laws and maxims peculiar to Homœopathy.

ARTICLE VI.—ALTERATIONS.

The Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at any regular meeting of the Society; *provided*, that notice of such alteration or amendment shall have been presented in writing at a previous regular meeting of the Society.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—MEETINGS, WHEN AND WHERE.

The Society shall hold two sessions each year, viz: on the second Wednesday of May, which shall be called the annual meeting, and on the second Wednesday of November, which shall be called the semi-annual meeting. The sessions shall be held at such place as may be determined upon by a majority vote of those members present at any regular meeting.

SPECIAL SESSIONS.

Special sessions may be called upon the written application of any five members, to the President, stating the object of the meeting.

ARTICLE II.—OFFICERS, WHEN AND HOW CHOSEN.

The officers shall be chosen at the annual meeting, by ballot, to hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected. In the choice of officers a plurality vote shall elect after the first ballot.

The officers of the Society shall constitute an Executive Committee, which shall arrange the order of business at the meetings, and attend to such other business as is not otherwise provided for and which may devolve upon it by a vote of the Society.

ARTICLE III.—DUTY OF PRESIDENT.

The President shall preside at all meetings, preserve order therein, put all questions, announce the decisions, and appoint committees not otherwise ordered.

ARTICLE IV.—DUTY OF VICE-PRESIDENT.

The Vice-President shall assist the President, and in his absence perform his duties.

ARTICLE V.—DUTY OF SECRETARY.

The General Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meetings, give proper notice of the meetings of the Society, notify candidates of their election, sign certificates of membership, answer all letters addressed to the Society, and open and maintain such correspondence as may tend to advance the interests of the Society.

ARTICLE VII.—DUTY OF TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall collect all moneys belonging to the Society; make all necessary disbursements, and report annually, in writing, and verbally whenever requested by the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.—DUTY OF CENSORS.

It shall be the duty of the Censors to examine the credentials of applicants for membership, and report to the Society for election such as may be found properly qualified.

ARTICLE IX.—MEMBERSHIP, QUALIFICATIONS FOR.

Any person of good moral character and professional standing, who shall have pursued a regular course of medical studies according to the requirements of any respectable medical college, and received his diploma therefor, and who shall have been recommended by the Censors, may become eligible to membership in this Society.

ARTICLE X.—ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

The election of members shall be by ballot, and shall require a two thirds vote of the members present. Should there exist any reasons why a person should not join the Society, which may not be known to the Censors, it shall be the duty of any member, who may know of them, to give notice to the Censors in writing, giving the reasons in full, and signing his name thereto, or to the Society in case it was not known beforehand that such person intended presenting himself for membership. In which latter case the Society may go into secret session before proceeding to vote upon the name of such candidate, and it shall then be the duty of the member who has sought against the candidate to clearly and fully state it to the Society, that an intelligent vote be cast or the candidate have leave to withdraw his name.

ARTICLE XI.—WITHDRAWAL AND REINSTATEMENT.

Every member, in good standing, shall have the privilege of withdrawing from the Society, by giving notice in writing of such intention and paying all arrearages due the Society. Any person who has resigned his membership may, on application in writing, be reinstated by a two thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE XII.—EXPULSION UPON CHARGES.

Any member may be expelled from the Society, or, having resigned his membership, may be deprived of his privileges, by a two thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting, or meeting adjourned for that purpose; *provided*, the charge or charges against him have been presented to the Executive Committee in writing, and he has been notified of the same by the Secretary, and an opportunity has thereby been given him to make his defense before the Society:

First.—For any gross or notorious immorality or infamous crime under the laws of the land.

Second.—For any attempt to subvert the objects or injure the reputation of the Society.

Third.—For advertising or publicly vending any secret nostrum.

Fourth.—For furnishing to any person, or presenting in his own behalf, a false certificate of studies, as a student of medicine, tending to deceive the public or the Censors of this Society.