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OF THE

**EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING**

OF THE

**Vermont State Medical Society**

HELD IN

**Brattleboro, October 13th and 14th, 1898.**

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The Society met in the Grange Hall in Brattleboro, on Thursday, October 13, and was called to order by the President, Dr. Lyman Rogers of Bennington, at 10 A. M.

The Rev. J. D. Beeman of Brattleboro invoked the Divine Blessing.

PRAYER.

Almighty God, Giver of every good, Creator of us all, Preserver of us, we come unto Thee at this time, acknowledging Thy goodness and Thy mercy, acknowledging our dependence upon Thee, thanking Thee for the great privileges that we have in this life, the privilege of living in this our day and generation when so much light has come to us in every direction, when Thine own truth has found its way so far among the nations of the earth, that such a degree of intelligence, purity and virtue has come to our own people, that all men in all professions have been enabled to receive

advancement in learning and in all their occupations of life. We have great privileges in this life, and with these privileges come the greater responsibilities; and we come unto Thee, our Father, because we are dependent upon Thee, because in Thee we live and move and have our being, invoking Thy blessing to rest upon us. We are weakness of ourselves, but Thou art strong; when we put our trust in Thee, when we have wisdom from above, we are health and strength, and all our weakness is supplemented by Almighty power. We thank Thee that Thou art interested in every individual, that Thou art interested in every occupation in life, that Thou art interested in human beings, and hast given Thine own Son that they may become Thy children. The first great duty known to us is that we should love God, and then our fellow men. We invoke Thy special blessing to rest upon this body of men gathered here at this time, praying that Thou wilt make this meeting profitable to them. We thank Thee that there are these men in every community that are painstaking, intelligent, unselfish, caring for others, going sometimes beyond even their own strength to help others, in their sympathy, in trying to restore men from disease and bring about a state of health. Lead them, our Father, bless them in all their services for humanity, and we pray that there may be advancement in that, and in knowledge in regard to the profession.

We have to thank Thee for calling these to that work to which we believe Thou art calling men as the work of life, that they may help humanity; and we pray, our Heavenly Father, that we may not only obey Thee in the divine laws in regard to the soul, but in regard to our physical being, and that Thou wilt help us all to observe law, to walk in the ways of wisdom; and now, our Father, do

we pray Thee that Thou wilt especially be with each one of us, and that during this session good may come to each and every one, and we pray that Thou wilt help in this life to do the work Thou hast for each of us, and when we are done with this life that Thou caust honor us and say to each one in the last, "Well done, good and faithful servant." We pray, our Heavenly Father, that Thou wilt now let Thy blessing rest upon this meeting today ; we ask it in the name of Him who taught us to say, Our Father, Who art in Heaven. Amen.

The records of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and approved as read.

A report of delegates to Dartmouth Medical College was presented as follows :

*Mr. President and Gentlemen :*

Your delegates to the Dartmouth Medical College respectfully report that they attended the final examinations at Hanover in November, 1897, and June, 1898, and together with the delegates from the New Hampshire Medical Society, examined orally those candidates who had successfully passed a written examination by the faculty. Every opportunity was given them to satisfy themselves in regard to both the qualifications of the men examined and the teaching facilities of the Institution and it gives them pleasure to say that the examinations were creditably passed and that, in their judgment, Dartmouth Medical College is maintaining a high standard of instruction.

Your delegates were cordially received and treated with the utmost courtesy by the resident members of the faculty.

ARTHUR B. BISBEE,  
H. A. CRANDALL.



Dr. W. H. Vincent of Orwell reported as delegate to the New York State Medical Society.

*Mr. President and Members of the Vermont State Medical Society:*

I am glad to say that I had the opportunity of attending the Ninety-second Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, January 25th, 26th and 27th of this year at Albany. I went to Albany the 24th and came home the 28th and attended every session and listened to every paper that was read.

The Society is made up of delegates from District societies who become permanent members after attending this Society three years as delegates and paying a fee of \$5.00.

There were present at this meeting 100 delegates—140 permanent members—and 75 members by invitation, making a total of 315.

The program consisted of 45 papers on medical and surgical subjects, and the most of these papers were written by specialists in the profession.

I will mention a few which were particularly interesting to me.

1. What Shall the State and County do for Consumptives? By John H. Prior of Buffalo.

He said—The reports of the State Board of Health for the past five years show that an average of 13,000 die from this disease alone in the State of New York. There is a tendency to regard consumption as an incurable disease and consequently the treatment of this disease is careless and unintelligent. The most benefit is derived from change of climate, and this disease occurs mostly among those who are unable to avail themselves of this remedy. The poor

consumptive rarely consults the physician until he is past help. The alms houses and general hospitals are not the proper place to treat these cases—hence the need of special hospitals or sanitariums. This would prevent contagion in homes. Boards of Health should encourage this plan. Thousands die simply because they are poor. Three great truths have been added to our knowledge in pulmonary tuberculosis.

1. Accurate means of making an early diagnosis by examining the sputa microscopically.

2. The knowledge of methods which prevent infection.

3. Certain conditions which are favorable to recovery.

It is known that 25 to 30 per cent recover in the Adirondacks and the progress is checked in a larger percentage and life prolonged in nearly every instance. Thirty-five per cent of poor consumptives who are subject to long suffering and death could be saved to-day with a proper place established for their care.

The management of hypertrophy of the prostate gland and its complications was thoroughly discussed under the following titles :

1. General Consideration and Catheter Life. By Bolton Bangs of New York.

2. Prostatectomy and prostatotomy supra-pubic and perineal. Samuel Alexander of New York.

3. Bottinis galvano-caustic radical treatment and the palliative treatment for hypertrophy of the prostate. Willy Meyer of New York.

4. Castration for the relief of hypertrophied prostate. L. S. Pilcher, Brooklyn.

5. Stone associated with hypertrophy of prostate. E. L. Keyes of New York.

It is not necessary to say their papers were well discussed in the hands of such men, who are well known to be authority on these subjects.

A paper entitled "The Other Kidney in Nephrectomy," George M. Edebohls of New York.

He said several cases are reported in which a kidney has been removed and after death the case proved to have but one kidney.

The writer has met with several cases of but one kidney.

He had met with a distended gall bladder, movable, kidney-shaped in right lumbar region, an exploration showed this condition with complete absence of right kidney.

Hence before removing a kidney a knowledge of the presence and condition of the other kidney becomes of great importance.

Such knowledge is obtained by examination of urine, palpation of the kidney, cystoscopy, catheterization of the ureters, skiagraphy, the fluoroscope and finally exploratory incision.

The presence of a second kidney is determined by by most of the aids. None of these aids, however, with the exception of the last mentioned, can, in all cases, give us complete information regarding the exact condition of the other kidney.

In cases of pyuria and tuberculosis of vesical or unilateral renal origin, catheterization of the ureters involves the risk of infection of a previously healthy ureter and kidney and should be avoided.

Incision down upon, delivery and examination of both kidneys (lumbar exploratory incision) should be the rule