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OF THE  
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HOMŒOPATHIC MEDICAL SOCIETY,  
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OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. Since homœopathy aims at the improvement and reformation of the art of healing by aid of medicines, proved by every means that promises to enlarge the knowledge of the laws governing the action of drugs, this Society hereby declares its objects to be,—

The development of the materia medica by proving drugs upon the systems of men and animals; the administering of medicines thus proved, to the sick, in accordance with the formula *similia similibus curantur*; the encouragement of special studies and reports calculated to improve its members in the collateral branches of medicine:

ART. II. This Society demands for itself absolute liberty in science, and hence requires of its applicants for membership no creed or confession of medical belief, but only the expression of a willingness to act for the furtherance of its declared objects.

SOCIETY.

ART. III. This Society shall consist of the persons named in the Act of Incorporation, and such other persons as may have been elected members in accordance with its By-Laws.

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY AND THEIR ELECTION.

ART. IV. *Section 1.*—The Society, at its annual meeting, shall elect by ballot a president, two vice-presidents, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, librarian, and five censors, who shall together constitute an executive committee, to whom shall be intrusted the general business of the Society when it is not in session;

the appointment of all standing committees and such other committees as they may deem expedient; the appointment of a necrologist and auditor, and the selection of some suitable person, and substitute, to deliver an oration at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Society, on some subject connected with medical science. At every Annual Meeting they shall present a report of their proceedings during the past year. They shall have power to remit the dues of worthy members who may produce satisfactory evidence that they are unable to pay, and to drop members for the non-payment of dues. The officers shall continue in office till the adjournment of the Annual Meeting next after their election, at which time the duties of the newly elected officers shall commence.

*Section 2.*—Voting for officers of this Society shall be exclusively by ballots cast previous to the Annual Meeting. To this end the executive committee shall appoint a special election committee of three, none of whom shall be regular candidates for office, whose duty shall be to receive and count the ballots cast, and declare the results to the Society. Should any of this committee be absent at the opening of the Annual Meeting, the presiding officer shall fill such vacancies from the members present.

*Section 3.*—At least sixty days before the Annual Meeting the Secretary shall forward to all members in good standing, a preliminary notice informing them of the nominations for offices made by the nominating committee; and at a date not later than fourteen days before said meeting he shall also forward (with notice of meeting and a special addressed envelope) the official ballot containing all nominations by the nominating committee, and those by any special caucuses which may have convened for that purpose. The names of all candidates for each office shall be arranged upon the ballot in alphabetical order and, unless otherwise designated, shall be known as presented by the nominating committee. The names of all candidates for re-election shall be marked with an asterisk (\*), while those nominated by a special caucus of members and certified to by at least ten members present, shall be marked with a dagger (†). If any candidate decline his nomination previous to the printing of the ballot it shall be so designated thereon.

*Section 4.*—All nominations by special caucus must be in the hands of the Secretary at least thirty days before the annual meeting.

*Section 5.*—Members shall prepare their ballots by making the sign X against the names of the candidates for whom they wish to vote. If in any instance more names are thus marked than there are officers to be elected, no name for such office shall be counted. This shall not, however, invalidate the ballot for the other officers.

*Section 6.*—All members desiring to vote must return their ballots in the "official return envelope" to the Secretary, so that they shall



be received by him not later than the midnight before the annual meeting, and on the morning of said meeting he shall deliver them unopened to the special election committee for official inspection and count.

*Section 7.*—Candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

#### DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS.

**ART. V.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee, and shall deliver an address before the Society at the Annual Meeting.

In case of the absence or other disability of the President, his duties shall devolve on the Vice-President by seniority, if present. And for that purpose the person receiving the largest number of ballots for that office, shall hold the seniority. Otherwise, on such member as the presiding officer shall appoint, or the meeting may select.

**ART. VI.** The Corresponding Secretary shall have the charge and custody of all letters and communications transmitted to the Society; and to him they should be addressed. He shall prepare and transmit whatever communications the Society or Executive Committee may direct, and he shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him.

**ART. VII.** The Recording Secretary shall give notice and keep a record of all the meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee. He shall insert in the notices of the Annual and Semi-Annual Meetings the names of those candidates for membership that have been reported to the Executive Committee. He shall have charge of all papers and communications belonging to the Society, and shall read at the meetings of the Society all such communications as the Executive Committee may direct. He shall notify the chairman of every committee appointed by the Society or Executive Committee, of his appointment, in each case stating the commission and the names of the committee. On or before the first of April, annually, he shall transmit to the Treasurer a list of all who have become members of the Society during the year.

The Recording Secretary shall receive fifty dollars annually as a compensation for the labors and duties incumbent upon the office.

**ART. VIII.** The Treasurer shall solicit and receive all money due to the Society, together with all bequests and donations, and shall pay all bills after they shall have been approved by the Executive Committee, which approval shall be certified to by the Recording Secretary. He shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures, and shall give such bonds for the faithful performance of his duties as the Society may require. He shall submit his accounts to the auditor at least once each year, and shall annually make a statement of his doings and of the state of the funds in his hands, to the Society.

The Treasurer shall receive fifty dollars annually as a compensation for his services.

ART. IX. The Librarian shall have in his custody and charge all the books and apparatus of the Society. He shall keep an accurate register of the same, and arrange them in a proper manner, and shall make such disposition of them, from time to time, as the Executive Committee may direct, for the benefit of the members. He shall receive and record all donations made in his department to the Society, and shall make a report at the Annual Meeting.

ART. X. The Censors shall examine the qualifications of all persons presenting themselves for membership, and for that purpose shall hold meetings on the same days as the regular meetings of the Executive Committee, and at such other times as they may deem necessary. They shall verify the medical diplomas of all applicants for membership, and report the names of all approved candidates for membership to the Executive Committee at least three months before their election as members of the Society.

ART. XI. There shall be a Committee on the Materia Medica, who shall select remedies for proving, and shall, at the expense of the Society, obtain and distribute the same to its members, or such other persons as they may deem suitable. They shall receive and examine communications upon the materia medica from the members of the Society, and report thereon at any regular meeting.

ART. XII. There shall be appointed annually, by the Executive Committee, a Committee on Nominations composed of the President, ex-officio, and four Society members at large, whose duty shall be to nominate two candidates for each of the twelve offices named in Art. IV., Section 1, and file a certified copy of the same with the Recording Secretary, at least sixty days before the Annual Meeting.

ART. XIII. There shall be a Committee of Publication, consisting of the President, Recording Secretary, and at least three other members, to whom all matter for publication shall be referred, and under whose direction it shall be issued; the expense of which shall not exceed in any year a sum designated by the Executive Committee.

ART. XIV. There shall be a Committee of Arrangements, whose duty it shall be to make such arrangements as will add to the interest and importance of the Annual and Semi-Annual meetings, such as selecting a suitable place for the meetings, soliciting communications, appointing subjects for discussion, providing refreshments for members, etc., subject to the direction of the Executive Committee.

ART. XV. The Executive and all other committees shall have power to fill their own vacancies.

## MEMBERSHIP.

ART. XVI. Any person who has received the degree of doctor of medicine from a legally authorized medical institution, and who sustains a good moral character, may become eligible to membership after having been examined and approved by the Board of Censors. He shall be elected by ballot at the Annual or Semi-Annual Meeting, and his having signed the application for membership shall be considered equivalent to an agreement to abide by the By-Laws. In case that ten negative ballots shall be cast, the name of the candidate shall be referred back to the Board of Censors, who shall make a thorough investigation, and report to the Executive Committee.

The same conditions of membership shall also apply to women having like qualifications.

All members in good standing who shall have paid their annual dues for twenty-five years, consecutive or otherwise, shall attain the rank or title of life-members, and shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Society, but shall be exempt from the payment of the annual assessment.

## HONORARY AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

ART. XVII. Persons who have excelled, or made any great advancement in medical or other science, may be elected honorary members; and physicians of eminence residing out of the State may be elected corresponding members of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any stated meeting, provided the said person shall have been approved by the Executive Committee. Honorary and corresponding members shall be entitled to the diploma of the Society, and to participate in its proceedings in meetings devoted to scientific subjects.

ART. XVIII. Every applicant for membership shall deposit with his application in the hands of the Recording Secretary, the sum of five dollars, and shall, upon his election, receive therefor the diploma of the Society, signed by the President and Secretary. Should an applicant fail of election, the money shall be returned to him.

ART. XIX. Any 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 to the Society.

## RETIRED MEMBERS.

ART. XX. Members, on removing from the State or on retiring from practice, may, provided all their dues to the Society are paid, by a vote of the Executive Committee, be placed on the list of retired