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#### SECRETARY'S PREFACE.

In preparing these Transacrious for publication, many difficulties have presented themselves, which combine to render the Volume less perfect than we would like to have it. The stenographers having mislaid the manuscript of the Constitution and By-Laws, and being unable to find it when the other papers were ready for the printer, I was obliged to re-write it from memory, and thus some errors occurred, as for instance in Article I, of the By-Laws, the corrections of which will be found in the Errata at the end of the Volume. A few other errors and omissions will also be found under the same head.

The Publishing Committee have prepared an elaborate Report of the Transactions of the National Eclectic Medical Associations, held yearly, from 1848 to 1855, which makes a valuable historical record of the early Reform movement in this country. Its volume is so great that it is found impossible to embody it with these Transactions, and therefore the Executive Committee have determined to present the Report at the next annual meeting of the Association, in order that some provision may be made for publishing it in full.

The Report of J. S. Johnson, M. D., of Vermont, did not come into my hands at all, while the paper he afterward forwarded to me came too late for publication. With its many defects, this Volume of Transactions goes forth to Profession; but the Secretary feels confident that the labor expended during the past two years, in order to perfect the organization of a National Eclectic Medical Association, will facilitate the preparation of the next Volume of Transactions, so that it will be free from the many imperfections found in this.

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