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OF THE
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HELD AT CRESTON,
APRIL 17TH, 18TH, AND 19TH, 1896.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th.

MORNING SESSION.

The Society convened in the Odd Fellows Hall and was called to order at 10 o'clock by First Vice-President Dr. D. S. Fairchild, of Clinton.

Officers present: First Vice-President, D. S. Fairchild, Clinton; Second Vice-President, T. J. Maxwell, Keokuk; Secretary, J. W. Cokenower, Des Moines; Assistant Secretary, F. E. Sampson, Creston; Treasurer, G. R. Skinner, Cedar Rapids.

Opening prayer by Reverend Robert E. Swartz, of Creston.

Address of welcome by Mayor J. M. Scurr, Creston. He said:

Gentlemen of the State Medical Society—Our city most cordially greets you. She extends to you a welcome that in warmth and sincerity has been surpassed by none of the cities that in the past have had the honor of entertaining you.

While you have met in larger cities, cities of more magnificent homes, larger business buildings, greater wealth and commercial importance, and in more prosperous times; while you are accustomed to meet in our beautiful capital city, yet we assure you that our hospitality is not to be measured by our size, and Creston, feeling herself honored in being your entertainer, gives you a warm welcome from her whole people. She recognizes in your body not only a meeting of men of superior scholastic attainments, men recognized as authority on our most intricate scientific questions, but a nearer representation of every phase and station of life in our fair state, as observed by you in the daily discharge of duty, than any other assembly of men that could come together.

The physician is with us all and always. No home or individual is so high as to be beyond the necessity of his attendance and none so low but at the call of suffering and disease the response and assistance is

as ready. It is not a financial consideration that prompts this impartial and unflinching conscientious discharge of duty; it cannot be the dollars attached to a visit that rouses a doctor from his rest at night and impels him, through the discomforts of cold, storm and unseasonable hours, to the bedside of suffering and the alleviation of pain, but it is the manhood in the man, the sympathy for and desire to palliate the ills of his fellow being.

The physician must of necessity be a man worthy of the highest confidence. To him is intrusted the very heart secrets of the household; to him the mother brings the life of her little child, more precious to her than her own, and with no knowledge of the agents used, no knowledge of their action or effect, she places its destiny in his keeping and administers unknown medicines, and follows directions whose meanings are frequently to her obscure, with implicit confidence that if it is possible its health and strength will be restored.

To the physicians are as confidently brought the ills and sudden physical disasters of mature life for correction. Old age with tottering footsteps, dimming eye and failing energies, pins its faith to its physician and its God in prolonging an already matured life.

You greet us on our advent into the world. You minister to our various ills and whims as we pass through it. You alleviate our pains, soothe and comfort us in our old age, and finally close our eyes in death.

While we are proud of our home physicians, we cannot claim them exclusively as our own, for their usefulness and their reputation as being eminently skillful are not confined to our city alone, but are recognized throughout the state, and yet our state is filled with good physicians.

This convention, this exchange of ideas and experiences, must of necessity result in good to you and through you to the whole state.

In welcoming you and extending to you the freedom of the city I place you in the hands of our local physicians and assure you you will find them most royal entertainers.

Address in behalf of the local profession, by Dr. H. E. W. Barnes, Creston. He said:

It is a pleasurable part that has fallen to me to welcome the Iowa State Medical Society, in behalf of the local profession, to the place of charming homes, enterprising men and handsome women, the gem of the summit, the metropolis of the Blue Grass region of Iowa, the hospitable city of Creston.

And we are highly gratified to be favored by the presence of the distinguished medical and surgical ladies and gentlemen who thus today so signally honor us.

The Iowa State Medical Society is composed of the thinking, working, broad, unselfish and progressive members of the medical profession

of this great commonwealth, open to receive all truth. "Wherever found, on heathen or on Christian ground," too broad, too deep and too investigating to be hampered by any iron-clad medical "creed," "ism" or "pathy," "with malice toward none and with charity for all," striving to keep in touch with the master minds, the glorious "fragment" that, torch in hand forever leads the "unsound majority," whose genius robbed the operating table and the obstetrical "chamber of horrors" of its pain by giving to the world the blessed anæsthesia.

To the men who have invaded the realm of the microbe with the effective germicide, and thus permit the wound to heal unvexed; to the men who have almost rid the world of small-pox pestilence, lessened the death rate of infectious and contagious disease and successfully invaded every region of the human body; ever ready at the call of duty, and trained to confront danger with fortitude and to meet peril with composure and presence of mind; foregoing all bodily ease and comfort to administer to the sick; called out in the terrific fury of the raging midnight tempest, facing the howling, blinding, merciless Arctic blizzard, on nights of which "Tam O'Shanter" never dreamed; with "cheer for the living and tears for the dead;" standing, like the Roman sentinel at Pompeii, where "Woe treads the heel of woe they come so fast," the battle ever on, the victory never won (and yet amidst the thorns and brambles, fragrant flowers of beauty redolent of spring are found by him who sees aright); and to those whose work appears a desert drear, of drifting yellow sand, where mocking ambition forever paints the false mirage, dissolving views of fame, and place, and power, that fade before his path a phantom brood, this meeting is an oasis, where genial palms and cool refreshing springs will rest and refresh until he is away again.

And so we greet you, each and every one, trusting that when to your last call you cheerfully respond you all may be

Of those immortal dead who live again,
In minds made better by their presence.
Live in pulses stirred by generosity,
In deeds of daring rectitude,
In scorn for miserable aims that end with self,
In thoughts sublime that pierce the night like stars,
And with their mild persistence urge man's search
To vaster issues.

On motion the reading of minutes of last annual meeting was dispensed with.

The Committee on Arrangements announced during the session the following delegate members: Drs. T. W. Mulhern, Greenfield; Walter L. Biering, Iowa City; Charles W. Stewart, Washington; T. C. Cole, Thurman; D. Graves, Gilman; C. W. McGavren, Missouri Valley; John A. Gibbons, Keokuk; B. N. Torrey, Creston; J. E. Howe, Greenfield; J. A. Rawls, Creston; A. J. Mauran, Creston; L. S. Groves,

Creston; Arthur I. Groves, Creston; H. L. Cokenower, Clarinda; E. T. Farrens, Clarinda; W. S. Grimes, Wapello; H. G. Lynch, Arbor Hill; J. W. Holland, Osceola; J. W. Lander, Afton; H. M. Korten, Kent; R. C. Grigg, Murray; M. L. Hooper, Milo; J. F. Herrick, Ottumwa; Roger N. Cresap, Bonaparte; J. P. Scroggs, Lenox; Chas. H. James, Centerville; C. H. Bryant, Corning; A. Kessler, Carroll; J. W. Coakley, Mt. Etna; J. E. Conn, Ida Grove; Carl E. Conn, Battle Creek; F. M. Powell, Glenwood; Ed C. Ayres, Lorimer; M. N. McNaughton, Valisca; A. L. Olive, Corning; A. Weaver, Cumberland; F. P. Culverson, Greenfield; F. E. L. Hester, Glenwood; C. H. DeWitt, Glenwood; A. A. Ashby, Red Oak; D. Macrae, Jr., Council Bluffs; V. L. Treynor, Council Bluffs; J. C. Waterman, Council Bluffs; W. L. Bogan, Hamburg; E. T. Campbell, Tabor; W. D. Christy, Shannon City; A. E. King, Blockton; W. Fordyce, Fairfield; Ed Embree, Winterset; C. M. Paschal, Bedford; Frank C. Hoyt, Clarinda; H. E. Eschbaugh, Albia; F. W. Bennett, Lenox; J. F. Hasty, Murray; R. R. Chapman, Bridgewater; R. H. Gregory, Nevlinsville; N. K. Garfield, Algona; R. D. Mason, Missouri Valley; R. N. Teeby, Corning; F. E. Potter, Corning; A. W. Sherman, Lamoni; H. C. Bone, Grand River; B. R. McAllistar, Lamoni; A. J. Scofield, Macksburg; Frederick O. Jackman, Mt. Pleasant; Burdette D. LaForce, Ottumwa; M. F. Brown, Lenox.

And the following members by invitation: Drs. J. E. Summers, Jr., Omaha, Neb.; F. S. Owens, Omaha, Neb.; John H. Van Eman, Kansas City, Mo.; W. J. Van Eman, Leavenworth, Kan.; Emory Lanphear, St. Louis, Mo.; W. R. Bolibaugh, Osceola, Iowa; W. L. Carver, Murray, Iowa; F. E. Vest, Montezuma, Iowa; T. M. Throckmorton, Chariton, Iowa; H. L. Sweet, Mt. Etna, Iowa; N. S. Johnson, Corning, Iowa; F. P. Amdur, Carbon; James Widner, Corning, Iowa; W. E. Messenger, Prescott, Iowa; W. H. Christie, Omaha, Neb.; C. C. Allison, Omaha, Neb.; J. P. Lord, Omaha, Neb.; James Ethridge, Chicago.

Dr. F. E. V. Shore, Des Moines, preferred charges against Dr. A. R. Amos, of Des Moines. Referred to Committee on Ethics.

There being two members of the Committee on Ethics absent, the Chair appointed to fill such vacancies, D. Macrae, Council Bluffs, and G. F. Jenkins, Keokuk.

D. Macrae offered the following amendment to the constitution, viz.: "That the last sentence of section 2, article II, be stricken out, viz.: 'The professional staff of the state insane, deaf and dumb and blind asylums shall each be entitled to one delegate.'"

Moved that a shorthand reporter be employed to report the proceedings of this session and that he be allowed \$50 for same, \$25 thereof to be paid at the end of the session and balance when transcript completed. Carried.

The President being absent, his address was referred to Committee on Publication and a special committee consisting of Drs. Schooler, Des Moines; F. M. Hiatt, Red Oak, and J. M. Emmert, Atlantic.

Practice of Medicine.

Report—F. M. Hiatt. Referred.

Papers—“The Physician,” by M. F. Stults, Wiota. Read by W. Hutchinson, Des Moines. Referred.

“Diphtheria—Moderate Treatment,” by Walter L. Bierring, Iowa City, with demonstrations of method of preparing antitoxin. Read and referred.

“On Diphtheria,” by F. W. Porterfield, Atlantic. Read and referred.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

Meeting called to order by First Vice-President.

The majority and minority reports on Polk county ethical question presented and referred to Committee on Ethics.

The papers read at the forenoon session were discussed by the following: J. R. Claybaugh, Creston; H. L. Getz, Marshalltown; A. G. Field, Des Moines; G. W. Barr, Keokuk; L. B. Powell, Albia; W. Hutchinson, Des Moines; W. D. Middleton, Davenport; J. M. Emmert, Atlantic. Discussion closed by authors, and papers referred.

“Diphtheria and Membraneous Croup: Their Classification,” by A. A. Rawson, Corning. Read, received, and discussed by E. E. Dunkelberg, Tripoli; J. Roberts, Osceola; J. M. Emmert; H. L. Getz; F. W. Porterfield; E. Hornbrook, Cherokee. Discussion closed by author, and paper referred.

H. L. Getz presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Society that all cases of so-called Membraneous Croup should invariably be quarantined the same as typical diphtheria, and that the term Membraneous Croup, in the opinion of this Society, should everywhere and under all circumstances be abolished. Lost.

Then the following resolution was offered and passed:

WHEREAS, the subject of the necessity of quarantine being established in the so-called Membraneous Croup has been brought up and unfortunately disposed of negatively, and,

WHEREAS, this Society may be misunderstood by the public on the question; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the Society, that we endorse the wise precaution of the State Board of Health in including this affection in the list of contagious diseases.

E. Luther Stevens, of Des Moines, made the following motion: “That a committee of three members be appointed by the Chair to present a memorial to the Board of Regents at Iowa State University to ask an appropriation for the purpose of enabling an ample supply of