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FIRST DAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The society met at 2 o'clock P. M., in the hall of the Put-in-Bay House. In the absence of the retiring President, the meeting was called to order by Dr. T. W. Gordon, first Vice-President. Previous to introducing Dr. W. J. Scott, President elect, Dr. Gordon proceeded to give a short biographical sketch of that gentleman in accordance with a custom observed by the Medical Associations of Europe—especially in England. By observing this custom, the speaker remarked, a history of our Presidents would be obtained which might prove useful to the historian—be convenient for reference, besides acquainting us with the character and attainments of gentlemen who are honored from time to time in being selected to preside over the deliberations of this Association.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF DR. W. J. SCOTT, M. D.
PRESIDENT ELECT.

"Dr. W. J. Scott, now of Cleveland, was born in Culpepper Co., Virginia, January 25th, 1822. His father emigrated to Ohio in the year 1831, and settled in Knox Co.

The subject of this sketch entered Kenyon College in 1843, and graduated in 1848; was tutor in college in 1849 and 1850. During this time he studied medicine with Prof. H. S. Thrall, who was at that time Professor of Chemistry.

Attended one course of lectures at Cleveland Medical College, during the winter of 1849–50. Was made Professor of Chemistry in Jefferson College at Washington, Mississippi, in 1851. Resigned in 1852. Practiced medicine at Stradville, Franklin County, Ohio, ten years, preceding 1865. Was elected a member of the Ohio State Medical Society in the year 1855.

Was appointed to the chair of Materia Medica in Charity Hospital Medical College in Cleveland, in 1864, and removed to that city in 1865. He accepted the chair of Theory and Practice of Medicine in the same school in 1866, in which position he has remained to the present time. Last year, 1876, as you all know, Dr. Scott was, by your suffrages, elected President of this society, and gentlemen, from a personal acquaintance of many years, I can assure you, that large as are his physical proportions, his mental powers are their equal in every respect."

Dr. Gordon then introduced Dr. Scott, who proceeded to thank the society for the honor conferred on him in being called to preside over the deliberations of this body. He would endeavor to make such decisions as would advance the business and interests of the society. If mistakes occurred as no doubt they would, in deciding points of order, they should be charged to the head and not to the heart.

The President announced that a clergyman could not be had to open the proceedings with prayer, as was the usual custom, therefore that ceremony had to be dispensed with.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

MR. PRESIDENT,

And Gentlemen of the Ohio State Medical Society:

On behalf of your Executive Committee, I have the honor and the pleasure of extending to you on this third anniversary of your meeting at Put-in-Bay, a hearty welcome.

We welcome you in the name and on behalf of those members of the society who attended the meetings held here in 1875 and 1876, and with such general unanimity selected this delightful spot as your place of meeting this year; feeling that in so doing more work could be accomplished in a given time than elsewhere, and that during the intervals of work the finest scenery on Lake Erie would be within the vision of all; thus doubly compensating each member for turning his face and directing his steps to our Medical Mecca of this year.

Again bidding you a hearty welcome, allow me to express the hope that our deliberations may be characterized by a spirit of earnest labor in the interest of legitimate medicine, that we may each feel that it was not only good for us, but good for our patrons and suffering humanity that we were here.

HALL, COMMITTEE ROOMS, RAILROADS, &C.

Your Committee beg leave to submit the following report:

The proprietors of the Put-in-Bay House with their usual liberality, have given us the use of this hall, and such rooms as will be required for committees, free of charge.

The necessary stationary, ink and pens have been provided for the use of the society.

Knowing from past experience that we could expect no special favors from railroad companies, your Committee thought best ro ask none, but that members asking for excursion tickets to Put-in-Bay and return, would be furnished them at reduced rates as all others are.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Your Committee would recommend the same order of business as was adopted last year, viz:

The meeting for daily sessions shall be at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M.

The order of business for each daily session shall be as follows:

1. Reading the minutes of the previous session.
2. Report of committee on admissions and election of new members.
3. Reports from officers of the Society.
4. Unfinished business that has not been made a special order.
5. Reports of standing committees.
6. Reports from special committees.
7. Volunteer papers.
8. Miscellaneous business.

The election of officers shall be made a special order for 2 o'clock P. M. Wednesday.

The address of the President shall be made a special order for 3 o'clock P. M., or immediately after the election of officers.

The evenings can be devoted to social re-unions or public lectures—as may best suit the convenience and inclination of the members present.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. J. DONAHOE,
Chairman Executive Committee.

On motion the report was *adopted.*