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MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

COMMON COUNCIL CHAMBER, }  
ALBANY, May 9th, 1888. }

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Dental Society of the State of New York for its twentieth annual meeting, convened in the Common Council Chamber in the city of Albany Wednesday morning, May 9th, 1888, at 10 A. M. Members and delegates present were called to order by the President, Dr. Norman W. Kingsley, of New York, who said :

"My closing words to you a year ago were, 'I hope another year we shall meet with as kindly feelings as we now separate.' I believe that hope has been completely fulfilled. So far as I know there is not a bit of ill feeling between any two members. Let me hope that the same feeling with which we open this meeting may prevail when we close."

The roll was then called by the Secretary, Dr. J. Edward Line, the following members and delegates responding to their names :

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Drs. F. L. Ames, C. Barnes, E. C. Baxter, A. H. Brockway, William Carr, W. H. Colgrove, A. Hudson Colton, C. D. Cook, G. L. Curtis, M. E. Elmendorf, F. French, S. D. French, F. A. Green, O. J. Gross, C. W. Harveys, A. M. Holmes, William Jarvie, Myron D.

Jewell, N. W. Kingsley, George E. Lamb, J. Edward Line, James J. Mills, H. G. Mirick, B. C. Nash, S. B. Palmer, John J. Pitts, A. N. Priest, J. H. Race, F. C. Rich, P. Sloan, A. P. Southwick, C. E. Stacks, F. T. Van Woert, W. W. Walker, Charles F. Ives, P. W. Weed, S. F. Howard, S. P. Welch, C. F. Wheeler, Albert M. Wright.

DELEGATE MEMBERS.

Drs. E. P. Brown, G. L. Curtis, M. H. Dailey, E. H. Dickey, E. Doolittle, F. S. Emerson, P. S. Garvey, F. A. Green, O. J. Gross, John T. Hart, J. H. Holly, F. E. Howard, Charles F. Ives, Myron D. Jewell, G. E. Lamb, H. G. Nelson, M. L. Rhein, A. C. Rich, C. F. Rich, A. Ritter, Hyman Rosa, C. C. Smith, Alfred R. Starr, F. T. Van Woert, R. I. Verplanck, F. C. Walker, P. W. Weed, E. J. Young.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the last session of the meeting of 1887, which were approved, minutes of the previous sessions having been read by the stenographer and approved.

The Committee of Arrangements reported through its Secretary, Dr. Baxter, that it had engaged the hall of the Common Council for the sessions of the Society, and also reported the following as having presented certificates from their respective district societies :

First District—B. A. R. Ottolengui, M. D. S., for a term of four years—1888-91.

Second District—Dr. E. H. Dickey, one year, 1888-9; Dr. J. J. Mills, one year, 1888-9; Dr. Frank Latson, one year, 1888-9.

Third District—Dr. J. W. Canaday, four years, 1888-91; Dr. E. J. Young, four years, 1888-91.

Fourth District—Dr. Emory Doolittle, four years, 1888-91.

Fifth District—Dr. A. Ritter, one year, vice Dr. G. L. Curtis, elected permanent member; Dr. R. Frank Jones, four years; Dr. S. E. Macdougall, four years.

Sixth District—M. H. Fish, four years from 1887, vice G. W. Hoysradt; Dr. G. W. Hoysradt, four years, vice M. D. Jewell; E. D. Downs, four years, 1888-9.

Seventh District—Dr. C. Elmendorf, two years; A. W. White, D. D. S., four years; J. W. Cowan, D. D. S., one year, to fill vacancy.

Eighth District—Dr. Thomas S. Phillips, four years.

At this stage of the proceedings an intermission of ten minutes was taken for the reception of members and payment of dues.

At the expiration of the above time the President delivered the annual address, which was received with marked attention and applause. (See page 85.)

The Treasurer, Dr. Mirick, then presented his annual report, which showed receipts and disbursements as follows :

Your Treasurer would respectfully submit the following report, showing the financial condition of the Society May 8th, 1888 :

RECEIPTS.

1887.		
May 10—	Balance last report.....	\$1,146 44
1888.		
May 8—	Annual dues from permanent members.....	192 00
" "	Annual dues from District Societies.....	198 00
" "	Annual dues from New York College of Dentistry..	8 00
" "	Admission fees from permanent members.....	60 00
" "	Diplomas.....	100 00
" "	Interest from Savings Bank to Jan. 1, 1888.....	42 82
		\$1,714 76

EXPENDITURES.

1887.		
May 12—	J. Edw. Line, Secretary's bill.....	\$ 31 80
" "	J. Edw. Line, resolution of Society.....	100 00
" "	Committee of Arrangements' bill.....	25 00
" "	Wm. R. Lansing, stenographer.....	68 50
June 6—	Daniel Nason, legal services.....	280 00
		\$ 454 80

Balance..... \$1,259 96

BROOKLYN, May 8, 1888.

H. G. MIRICK, Treasurer.

The report was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Dr. Mirick : I would like to call the attention of the Society to inaccuracies which were in the published transactions for the session of 1887 in the treasurer's report. If anybody were interested enough to look it up, they would find that the column did not add up in the receipts to within sixty dollars of what it should have been. I found that there was one item which was not in the report.

Dr. Atkinson, Correspondent, said : "The report I have to make is not encouraging. I have not written a report, for the reason that my advice, persistently repeated since my election as correspondent, has not been heeded or attended to, and I am this year without a thing to report. I am without an answer from a single member of the profession upon the questions in the circulars which have been distributed, and I wish you to elect a man in whom you have more confidence. I utterly refuse to worry myself any further with the correspondence of this body. It is a thing that pains me more than you can believe or that I can tell to think the estimate I placed upon the members of this society with such paternal—no, such maternal—regard has so far failed me, and I have begotten and raised up children in more senses than one who have rebelled against me—not as to me personally, but in the conception of



what, in my mind, is the highest conception of their duty. If I was the only individual upon this planet, it would be different, or if you were the only inhabitants; but we are legion. We are what we are, as we have heard in the utterances of our excellent President which ought to be printed in letters of gold and scattered throughout the world wherever diseased teeth have made dentistry a necessity. We should stand as an organized body, a coherent body, in the purpose to sustain the confidence of all moral ideas that make us a profession. Talk of our being a 'branch of a profession!' We are the tip-top of all professions.

The Board of Censors reported through its Secretary, Dr. Frank French, as follows :

The Board of Censors report that a meeting for examination of candidates for the degree of M. D. S. was held in Albany on Tuesday, 8th May, 1888, at the Delavan House, from 10 A. M. to 11 P. M., all the Censors present. Dr. Southwick in the chair. Fifteen candidates were examined, and the Board recommend six of them for the degree, viz. : James W. Cowan, D. D. S., Geneseo; Fred. J. Capon, L. D. S., Toronto; Peter S. Garvey, Hudson; Charles F. Howell, Rochester; George Edwin Rice, New York; Albert J. Burns, Fairport.

The Board also recommend as beneficiary from this Society to the New York College of Dentistry, George Edwin Rice, New York—and to the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, Henry D. Hatch, Albion.

Two Censors are to be elected this year, in place of Drs. S. B. Palmer and William Jarvie, whose terms expire with this meeting.

FRANK FRENCH, Secretary.

Upon motion, the report was accepted and ordered filed.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was, upon suggestion of Dr. Line, deferred to a later hour.

The Committee on Ethics reported through Dr. Ives that it had no report to make.

Dr. Kingsley : I would like to inquire of Dr. Ives if there are no ethics in the profession, or if he has been unable to find any during the last year ?

The Committee on Business reported through Dr. Walker, as follows :

**MR. PRESIDENT :** Your Business Committee would respectfully report :  
The following gentlemen have kindly consented to read papers :

PAPERS.

Dr. L. D. Shepard, Boston. Subject, "Prominence of Discussion Upon One Tooth to be Depreciated."

Dr. William Carr, New York. Subject, "Hæmorrhage."

Dr. William H. Atkinson, New York. Subject, "What Lack I Yet?"

Dr. Rodrigues Ottolengui, New York. Subject, "The Esoteric Law of Cure."

Dr. A. P. Southwick, Buffalo. Subject, "A Practical Talk."

CLINICS.

Dr. W. Spencer, Vermont. Subject, "Crown and Bridge Work."

Dr. M. L. Rhein, New York. Subject, "Filling Teeth with Crystalloid Gold."

Dr. E. P. Brown, Flushing, and Dr. H. A. Parr, New York. Subject of clinic to be announced at meeting.

Prize Essay, Volunteer Papers, Incidents of Office Practice.

We have also engaged the stenographer, Mr. William R. Lansing, at the same figure as last year, \$68.50.

Conferring of the Degrees by the President the last thing before the closing of this session.

Dr. Brockway, Chairman of the Committee on Whitney Prize Essay, reported that, similar to the chapter on snakes in the history of Ireland, "There were no essays." There was one sent in yesterday, but that one does not come within the condition imposed by the By-Laws, and the committee cannot receive it or report on it. The committee hope the crop will be more luxuriant another season.

Dr. Kingsley: I would suggest that it might be proper to abandon this prize essay business, as it seems to have fallen into "innocuous desuetude," but perhaps it will be well enough to keep it up for another year, and, as the chairman says, we will look for a better crop.

Dr. Carr, Chairman of the Committee on Dental Law, then presented his report, which, by unanimous rising vote of the Society, was accepted, and ordered to be placed on file.

Dr. Carr: I will state that before this bill was presented to the Legislature it had been handed to a member of the Supreme Court, who was asked to take it home and look it over, which he did. Then I asked him if we brought up such a question as the Delevan business, if there was a possibility of our gaining our case. He said, emphatically: "The law is clear, and the State Society has the right to decide, and are the only judges to decide upon the standing of colleges." So I think the Bill as it now stands, if we succeed in getting the Governor to sign it, will be one of the best dental laws in the United States.

Dr. Kingsley: If the members have any doubts about this law and its workings, they should now make their doubts known, and the Chairman will answer the questions.

A Member: Do we understand if a man is already registered, it is necessary to re-register?

Dr. Carr. The difficulty is, a man living in the city of New York or in Brooklyn—that is Dr. Jarvie's county—and is registered in Brooklyn, goes to the upper part of the State and does not register there. The result is that some one in the county complains; I write to the man and ask if he has registered, and he tells me to find out. That necessitates looking all over the different counties and asking if that man is registered there or not; if not, we take some action. Now, every man, when he leaves one county and goes into another, it only costs him fifty cents to register in that county; so if a man has any doubt about the registration of a dentist, he can look at the county record.

A Member: If a man was registered in 1879, has he got to register again?

Dr. Carr: No, sir; not at all. If a man any later than 1879 moves into another county, he must register there.

Dr. Jarvie: Without accepting what the Chairman says about Kings county—"

Dr. Kingsley: He said "Dr. Jarvie's county." He said nothing about Kings county.

Dr. Jarvie: I shall have to object. I do not own Kings county. It seems to me that this law covers all the weak points in the old law. The Committee have had charge of this law for the past two years and have had a great deal of experience, and a number of cases have come before them, and they found the old law weak in some points; and, after a careful consideration of those points, the Committee has drafted this law in such a manner as they think will strengthen these weak points. As it has passed the Legislature, the Committee think it about as complete as possible. I think this Committee deserves great credit. They have done a great amount of work in the past. They have, perhaps, done more work during the past year than any previous year. Not that they have had more cases before them, but in the preparation of this law and watching its progress and securing its passage. The Chairman of the Committee, in particular, has had a great deal to do. His work has been very onerous. He has devoted, not his whole attention, but a great deal of his attention to this matter during this winter. He has watched it through the Assembly and through the Senate, and, at the present time he is watching it as it remains upon the table of the Governor awaiting his signature. I would move the thanks of this Society be tendered the Committee on Law for their services in behalf of the profession at large.