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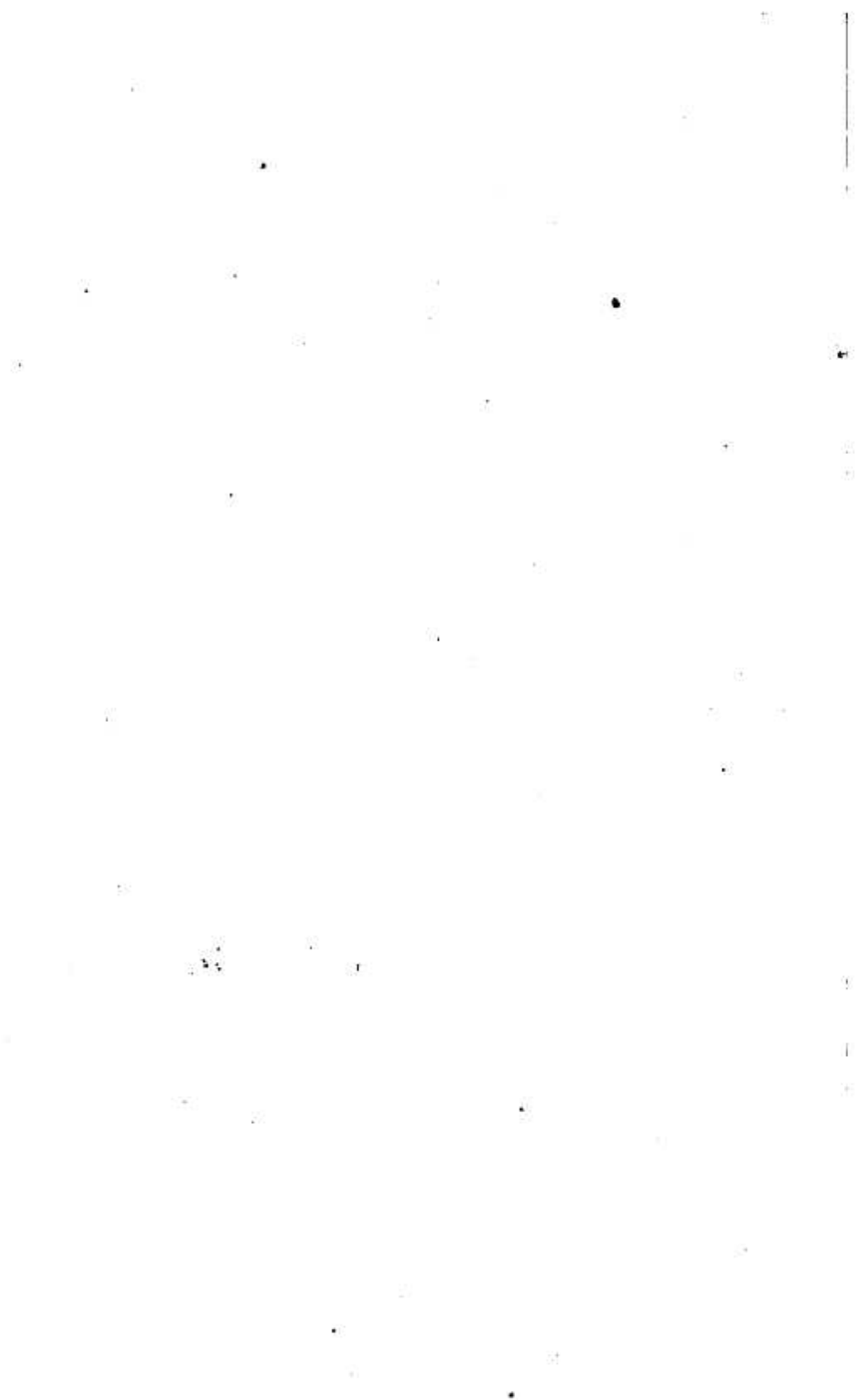
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COLUMBUS, TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 1859. }
10½ o'clock A. M. }

The Ohio State Medical Society convened to-day at 10½ o'clock A. M., in the Supreme Court Room.

The President being absent, Dr. L. Firestone, Vice President, called the Society to order, and, by request, Rev. Mr. Morris engaged in prayer.

Dr. J. B. Thompson, on behalf of the Executive Committee, presented the following report, which was, on motion, adopted :

The Executive Committee beg leave to report :

That in compliance with the duty imposed on them by the By-Laws, they have secured, for the use of the Society, the Supreme Court Room, in which we are now assembled, free of charge, except for the services of janitor.

They have also furnished the necessary stationery for the use of the Society, and given due notice of the time and place of meeting.

To facilitate the transaction of business, they recommend the adoption of the following order:

The Society shall hereafter meet at 9 o'clock A. M.; and, at the close of the morning session, take a recess until 2 o'clock P. M., and adjourn at such time as may suit its own convenience.

For the first session, the following order is recommended :

- 1st. Report from committee on Admissions.
- 2d. Election of new members.
- 3d. Election of officers for the ensuing year.

As a means of securing a free and unbiased expression of the wishes of the members in the selection of officers, the following plan is recommended, viz :

Candidates for the several offices shall (without the intervention of a committee) be nominated in open Society, and balloted for; and should no one, on the first ballot, receive the constitutional majority, (when there are three or more candidates), the one who has received the smallest number of votes shall be dropped on each succeeding ballot until a choice is made.

- 4th. Valedictory of President.
- 5th. Reports of officers.

At all subsequent sessions, the following order shall be observed after the Society is called to order :

- 1st. Reading the minutes of the preceding session.
- 2d. Report of committee on Admissions and election of new members.
- 3d. Reports from other standing committees.
- 4th. Reports from special committees.
- 5th. Unfinished business.
- 6th. New business and volunteer papers.

It is expected that popular addresses will be delivered on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. B. THOMPSON,

Ch'n of Ex. Com.

There being two members of the committee on Admissions absent, the President appointed Drs. Pomerene and Gundry to fill the vacancy.

On motion of Dr. Slusser, reporters of the city papers were invited to a seat within the bar of the house.

The committee on Admissions recommended the following gentlemen for membership, all of whom were elected :

Dr. F. C. Applegate,	-	-	-	-	Windham.
" R. L. Sweney,	-	-	-	-	Marion.
" L. C. Fouts,	-	-	-	-	Eaton.
" T. M. Cook,	-	-	-	-	_____

Dr. C. H. W. Mahlman,	-	-	-	Columbus.
" J. W. Wilson,	-	-	-	Fremont.
" I. L. Drake,	-	-	-	Lebanon.
" A. Robb,	-	-	-	Dodsonville.
" M. Dawson,	-	-	-	Carrollton.
" H. W. Darwin,	-	-	-	Gettysburg.
" G. M. Beach,	-	-	-	W. Jefferson.
" — Drury,	-	-	-	Columbus.
" E. Pearce,	-	-	-	_____
" W. W. Bridge,	-	-	-	_____
" B. F. Welsh,	-	-	-	California.
" W. A. Johnson,	-	-	-	_____
" S. S. Scoville,	-	-	-	_____

The Treasurer being absent, Dr. J. B. Thompson was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

The following officers were elected by ballot:

President—Dr. L. FIRESTONE.

Vice Presidents—DRS. JAS. BRONSON, JOHN DAVIS, B. S. BROWN, CHARLES ROBERTSON.

Secretaries—DRS. W. W. DAWSON, A. METZ.

Treasurer—Dr. J. B. THOMPSON.

Librarian—Dr. R. THOMPSON.

Committee on Admissions—DRS. J. POMERENE, G. F. MITCHELL, G. E. EELS, L. SLUSSER, R. L. SWENEY.

The President elect, Dr. Firestone, on accepting the office tendered him, thanked the Society in a brief but manly speech, and urged the members to consider carefully and earnestly the importance of the work before them.

Society adjourned until 2½ o'clock P. M.

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The President called the Society to order, and appointed the standing committees.

For list of committees, see page 19.

Dr. R. Thompson gave notice that he would read the following papers: On "Cataract;" on "Permanent cure of Inguinal Hernia;" on "Forming Artificial Cataract in the eyes of dead animals;" on "Something about Eyes."

The former Treasurer, Dr. T. J. Mullen, made his annual report, which was, on motion, referred to the committee on Finance.

The Secretary read the following communication from the Toledo Medical Association:

TOLEDO, O., June 3d, 1859.

At a meeting of the Toledo Medical Association, held June 2d, 1859, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The State Medical Society of Ohio has, on various occasions, taken initiative measures towards procuring legal protection to the medical profession of this State, and have not prosecuted the matter to a final action; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Association do memorialize the State Society on this subject, and request them to appoint a committee to draft a law similar to that passed by the Legislature of New Jersey. (Statutes of N. J., A. D. 1830, and subsequent amendments.)

Resolved, That the State Society be requested to urge upon its individual members the importance and necessity of personal interviews with the senators and representatives of their particular districts on this subject.

Resolved, That the State Society be requested to have the law which is drafted printed, with a petition to the Legislature attached, and to send the same into every senatorial and representative district in the State of Ohio, for the signatures of all regular practitioners of medicine in the State; the petition, after it has been thus signed, to be returned to the chairman of the committee for presentation to the Legislature of Ohio at its ensuing session.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, signed by our President and Secretary, be sent to the State Medical Society at its next meeting at Columbus.

W. W. JONES, *President*.

CHARLES H. SWAIN, *Secretary*.

Dr. Landon moved to refer this communication to a special committee.

Dr. Eels moved to amend Dr. Landon's motion by naming the committee on Medical Societies.

Dr. Bronson gave notice that he would read the following papers, viz: "Empyema following Scarlatina, with an operation;" "The Management of a case where the funis presented."

Dr. J. G. Kyle gave notice that he would read a paper on *Epilepsy*.

In response to an invitation from the Executive committee, a communication was received from Dr. M. B. Wright of Cincinnati, announcing that he would deliver an address before the Society and citizens of Columbus, on Wednesday evening, on the subject of "Drunkenness, its Nature and Cure; or, The Establishment of Asylums for Inebriates."

Dr. J. P. Kirtland sent to the Society for consideration two papers, designated as follows: "An essay on Detecting and Diagnosing the simpler forms of Valvular Diseases of the Heart;" an essay on the use of "Podophyllin and Lep-tandrin as substitutes for Mercurials in diseases of the digestive organs.

Reports from committees being called for by the President,

Dr. John Dawson, chairman of the committee on Publication, made a verbal report in reference to the publication of the transactions for last year.

The report of the committee on Insanity, Dr. R. Gundry, Chairman, was made the order of the day for to-morrow at 9 A. M.

Committee on New Remedies—Dr. John A. Murphy, Chairman. No report.

Committee on Ethics—Dr. J. Harman, Chairman. No report.

Committee on Asylums for Inebriates, through Dr. Lewis Slusser, Chairman, stated that, as Dr. M. B. Wright would deliver a lecture upon the subject, during the session of the Society, that the report would be deferred until after the delivery of Dr. Wright's lecture.