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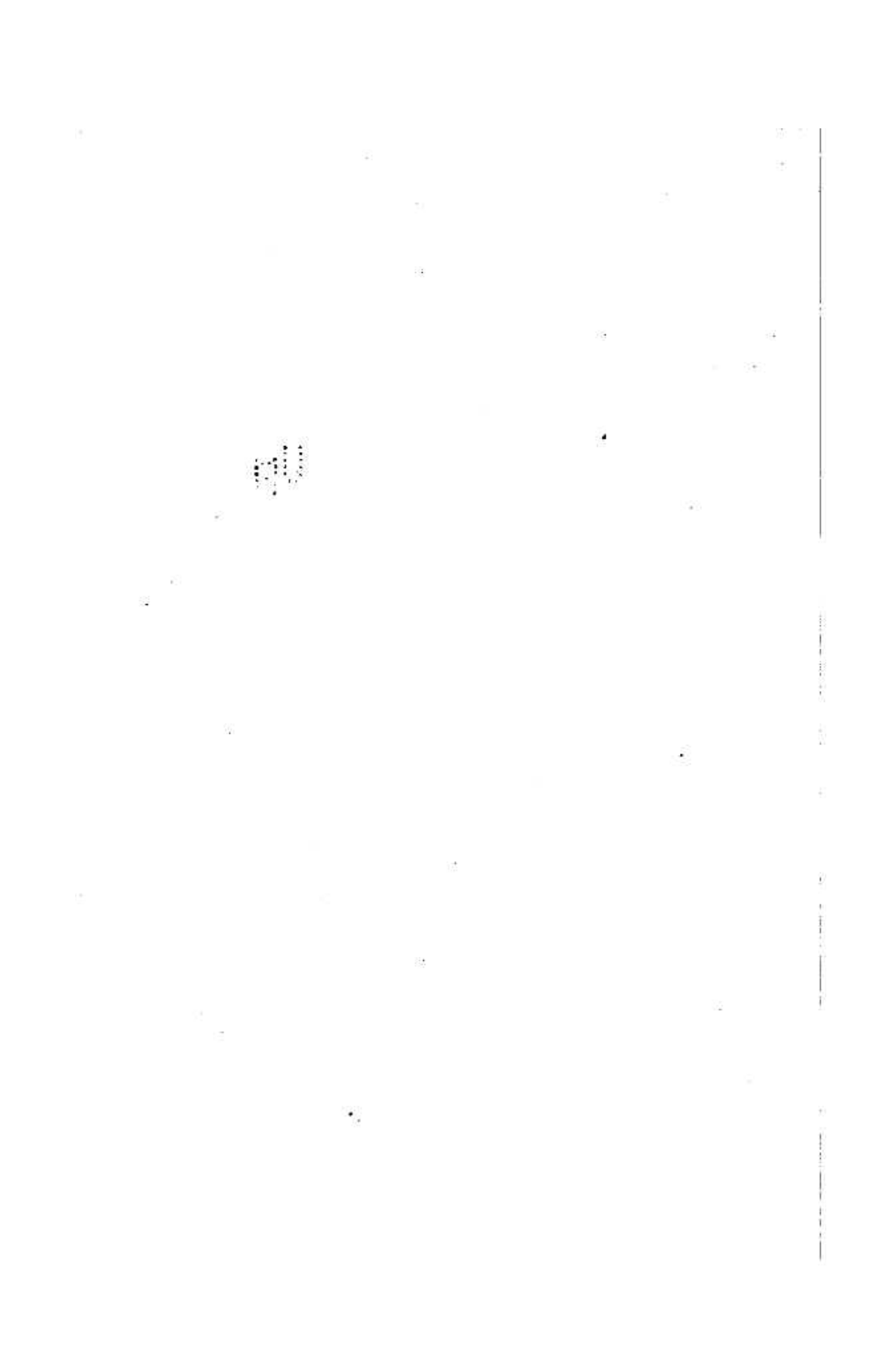
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INTRODUCTION

The Index by the author was first published in the Transactions for 1895 and included the volumes from 1849 to 1894. In the Transactions for 1901, I again brought the work up to, and including 1900.

The present Index is complete, namely, from 1849 to 1907, inclusive— at which time the annual Transactions were discontinued.

There are but few complete sets of the Transactions in existence, but I think an Index of the work will be helpful. Often it is valuable to know where we can find an article even though we do not possess the special work from which we are seeking the information.

As there are not more than two or three complete files of the Transactions of the Indiana State Medical Society known to be in existence, the work possesses a rare value. Fire, and the ravages of time might easily annihilate these almost sacred writings. For this reason alone, it would seem wise to preserve in a fitting memorial volume the names of the contributors of articles as well as the titles of the several papers and reports contributed.

In these pamphlets and volumes—fifty-eight in number—extending from 1849 to 1907, inclusive, is a treasure of medical lore that the present and coming generations of medical men will do well to care for tenderly. They reach back to a period antedating our state medical journals, and I am inclined to the opinion that the early Transactions were the first medical publications in bound form issued in Indiana.*

The men who contributed the earlier articles to these Transactions have fallen asleep, and we will read no new articles from them. They were not ignorant, but observant and thinking men. They recorded facts that daily fell under their observation; and facts are always valuable.

Occasionally some of these writers would theorize and draw wrong conclusions, but when they detailed facts and history, their contributions stand as valuable work. Science comes along and pushes theories out of the way, but science never destroyed a fact, nor disturbed correct history.

A few things in these Transactions are not worth a reading at the present day, except as a curiosity, but all that has been written concerning biography, history, epidemics, and clinical cases, is well worth a reading in the twentieth century. I will venture a suggestion, namely, that a selection of articles from the Transactions, relating to the biography of early Indiana physicians, history of our primitive epidemics, details of pioneer medical practice, clinical cases, etc., might well be selected for publication in a volume as a contribution of medical literature for our State Centennial in 1916.

It seems eminently proper that the names of authors, as well as the titles of their papers should be preserved. In accordance with this idea I have prepared, with care, and much labor, an alphabetical list of every name,

*I have in my possession a small volume of 182 pages, printed at Connorsville, in 1845, for Dr. Buell Eastman. So far as I have been able to determine this is the first medical book printed in Indiana. It is entitled, "Practical Treatise on Diseases Peculiar to Women and Girls." It appeals to the laity, and strictly speaking is not a professional book.

title of paper with year and page in volume where they may be found and consulted. As far as I have been able, I have secured the first and correct name of the author, residence, year of birth, and death, if not living. The names are all preserved, but in a few instances no other information can be gleaned; they probably removed to a distant state where they retired, or died, and their names do not appear in our most valuable American Medical Directory.

The titles of the papers are often suggestive of the date of writing. Articles on "Milk Sickness," will indicate the period of its prevalence. "Camp Diarrhea," is a name associated with the Civil War. Some articles are pathetic in their associations. Prof. James T. Whittaker talked earnestly to us at Lafayette, in 1898, on "Climatotherapy in Phthisis," and in less than two years from that date, fell a victim himself to the disease. Dr. James S. Gregg sat in his chair while he read his paper on "Locomotor Ataxia," in 1899, in which he referred to his own case, and died one year later from the disease. The natural history of some affections can be studied, and it is interesting to note the views held by authors of papers, in regard to tuberculosis, sixty years ago, and compare the observations made in the study of this disease from time to time in three score years.

I think it is proper at this place to call attention to the value of the obituary notices in these Transactions. These are found in the volumes from 1879 to 1907, and have usually been prepared by persons who were well acquainted with the deceased, and so, are fitting tributes to their memories. Each name can readily be found by referring to the Index printed in connection with this booklet, under the heading "Obituary." Historical societies will, in the future, refer to these for information.

An asterisk (*) is placed before the names of those known to be dead; doubtless there are others, but not having positive knowledge I prefer to leave the record as it stands.

There is a total of four hundred and eighty-one (481) names, and one thousand two hundred and two (1202) articles and reports.

As I have scanned these Transactions, the faces of men long since dead, come up before me, nay, I even seem to catch the very tone of their voices as they read or discussed various subjects. Surely, I have been fortunate to have seen and heard so many of the medical men of Indiana — two generations — those who have passed away, and those who yet mingle with us. We should revere the memories of the dead, and honor the men of this period who are doing better work by reason of education and experience.

A list of papers presented to the Indiana State Medical Society from the date of its organization to 1895, inclusive, is published in the Transactions for 1895, page 383. While this compilation unfortunately contains numerous errors, yet it will be found useful for additional reference.

A complete set of Transactions can be consulted at the Indianapolis City Library.

A final word in closing. Possibly this is my last work of magnitude for the Indiana State Medical Association. I have given a number of spare moments of the last five months to this task. Much of that time I have been in the shadow of a hospital near a sick wife who for forty-nine years was my constant gentle comrade. After I saw her no more, I continued the work, in order, as an Oriental friend of mine once expressed himself to me when he went into a retreat for nervous troubles, "That I might forget something!"

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