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PART I.

MINUTES.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
IOWA STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY,

HELD AT

DES MOINES, MAY 16TH, 17TH AND 18TH, 1894.

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH.

MORNING SESSION.

The Society convened in the Auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. Building and was called to order at ten o'clock by the president, Dr. Lewis Schooler. Opening prayer was offered by Rev. H. Tilden, of Des Moines.

Officers present: President, L. Schooler, Des Moines; First Vice-President, A. L. Wright, Carroll; Secretary, C. S. Chase, Waterloo; Assistant Secretary, C. E. Currie, Des Moines; Treasurer, G. R. Skinner, Cedar Rapids.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME BY MAYOR ISAAC L. HILLIS, DES MOINES.

He said:

Des Moines stands with smiling welcome to greet all her guests—but the welcome she extends to this body of physicians is cordial in the extreme. Your profession is a most honorable one. It is one in which all that is best and noblest in man is stimulated to high endeavor. Your march of progress is ever onward, so that to-day if any one profession should outrank all others it is that of the physician.

In no other calling, not even excepting the ministry itself, is given so full and so complete an opportunity for the development and practice of all that pertains to "the higher life." The physician is *par excellence* a man of science. He is familiar with the lore of sages and he has every new discovery as an event expected. He cultivates the social graces and is the trusted adviser of men and women and the beloved friend of children. Education and observation combine to broaden his thought and widen his understanding, while religion moulds his character into beauty and symmetry, crowning his life with that touch which gives completeness. It is the physician as well as the minister of the gospel who whispers into dying ears the story of the cross and of the welcome the Heavenly Father keeps for even the most prodigal of his sons.

You are heroes, you doctors. When pestilence walks abroad in the land and every avenue of egress is filled with affrighted fugitives, you calmly move about among the stricken, leaving healing and comfort in your train. How anxious is the physician for his patient! Who is not familiar with his self-denial, his readiness to come to help at a moment's notice at any hour, in any weather; his tender solicitude for the sufferer, his words of good cheer and hopefulness even when the clouds seem heaviest, his patience with those whose mistaken zeal oft-times undoes what he has labored to perform and his forbearance under complaint. But some will say that the doctor is paid to heal the sick—exactly; but after the remedy is prescribed he does not lose interest in the case as he pockets the money. No, no, mere money does not pay the doctor. We owe him our gratitude and our high respect. The family physician is the family friend. He knows our secrets, our loves, our hopes and our fears. He is the universal confidant and he is deserving of the trust. His life should be free from follies and evils which mar a perfect manhood; for to him is given entrance into the

holy of holies, the room where a new born soul enters into life, and his is the hand to close, in the last long sleep, the eyes of the world-worn pilgrim to whom the angel of death has whispered, it is finished.

Des Moines is especially rich in her physicians. We have men of science among us. Men whose talents rank in the highest class and whose names are widely known. What is true of Des Moines is true of all Iowa and our city is honored to-day by the presence of so many distinguished men. You have met together to do us and each other good. The program is a feast of good things and the discussion which will follow the reading of these papers can but result in good. In extending to this convention a welcome and the freedom of our beautiful city I feel that the pleasure will be mutual—the city's in the enjoyment of her guests and the convention's in your appreciation of all the unrivalled advantages of Iowa's capital. As you go hence and plan for future gatherings remember that the gates of Des Moines are ever open and be it as guest or citizen a hearty welcome awaits you.

Mr. Hillis was followed by Dr. James T. Priestly, who delivered an address of welcome for the local profession. He said:

Fellows of the Iowa State Medical Association:

On behalf of the local profession, allow me to extend to you a hearty welcome and a sincere wish that you have a pleasant and profitable time while in our city. I am sure that the words of praise and commendation bestowed upon our profession by His Honor, the Mayor, was meant in full, having successfully gotten rid of Kelley's Army, I think he is in condition to welcome the gathering of any kind, even a convention of undertakers.

Back in the early seventies, when I first entered the medical arena of this city, I was told of a legend by my late friend, Dr. Charles Rawson, which has assured me contained more elements of truth than the ordinary legends—it ran as follows: That in the late sixties the members of the Polk County Medical Association, becoming generous and convivially inclined or, what might now be called in slang parlance, gay, tendered to the Medical Association a banquet. The viands and the wines that made up the *menu* of the banquet were of such a character as to have tickled the palate of the most thorough epicure. The banquet was eaten by the members of the State Association and paid for by the members of the Polk County Association. The next day condemnatory resolutions were introduced censuring the Polk County Medical Association for having frittered away the time of the State Association in so frivolous a manner.

In the early eighties I attended a meeting of the State Association at Dubuque, when some kindhearted druggist tendered the Association an excursion upon the river. A fine steamboat was provided, elegant viands, delightful wines and beautiful women went to make up an entertainment such as is rarely met with. I remember to this day the weight of some of the members that sat down upon me for having advocated accepting this kind invitation. In fact, I think it is partially responsible for having stunted my growth. This experience of mine, with the legend related to me by my friend, Dr. Rawson, having become property of the Polk County Medical Society, has deterred them from ever being rash enough to tender any kind of entertainment to the members of the Iowa State Medical Association, until this time our worthy President has arranged for a feast, such that I am sure will please each and every member of this association, in the shape of a surgical clinic to be held tomorrow morning at Cottage Hospital. Those of you who are acquainted with the skill of the operator will enjoy the anticipation of it, while all who witness it will enjoy the realization of it. Mr. President, I thank you and the Society for this kind invitation to deliver this impromptu address on behalf of the medical profession of our city, and I hope all of the members present from throughout the State will be with us two years hence.

On motion the reading of minutes of last meeting were dispensed with.

Admission of new members. The Committee on Arrangements announced many new members, both by invitation and as permanent members.

Dr. Hobby moved that the delegates of this Society to the American Medical Association be instructed to support the majority report on the revision of the Constitution of the American Medical Association as published in the Journal of the Association of April 21st, 1894. Referred to Committee on Ethics.

Moved by Dr. Ball that any vacancies there may be in the Committee on Ethics be filled by the President. So ordered.

The President appointed to fill vacancies in Committee on Ethics Drs. McCarthy of Dubuque, and Conniff, of Sioux City.

Dr. Hobby moved that the Committee on Arrangements be instructed to report at the opening of each session only. Carried.

On motion the delivery of the President's Address was postponed to be read at the opening of the afternoon session.

Dr. Chase moved that the business under Sec. 8, Art. 1 of By-Laws be made a special order at the close of the forenoon session. So ordered.

On motion fraternal greetings were ordered sent to the state medical societies of Ohio, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, now in session.

Dr. Emmert moved that immediately after adjournment each Congressional District meet and select a member of the Nominating Committee, to be reported immediately on convening after dinner. So ordered.

AFTERNOON SESSION.—2 P. M.

Society called to order by President Schooler.

Dr. Priestly read the names of parties desiring to become members of the Society and on motion they were elected.

Dr. Schooler delivered his address to the Society, as follows:

Dr. Hobby moved that the President's Address be referred to a special committee. So ordered. Drs. Hobby, Emmert and Ristine were appointed as such committee.

Members of Nominating Committee Selected were announced, as follows:

- First District—T. J. Maxwell, Keokuk.
- Second District—J. C. Shrader, Iowa City.
- Third District—William Watson, Dubuque.
- Fourth District—G. F. McDowell, Clear Lake.
- Fifth District—G. R. Skinner, Cedar Rapids.
- Sixth District—L. C. S. Turner, Colfax.
- Seventh District—Lewis Schooler, Des Moines.
- Eighth District—S. Bailey, Mt. Ayr.
- Ninth District—J. M. Emmert, Atlantic.
- Tenth District—H. G. Ristine, Ft. Dodge.
- Eleventh District—R. E. Conniff, Sioux City.

The Section on Practice of Medicine taken up, C. E. Todd, Chairman being absent.

On motion the section was taken up by the Society.

Dr. D. L. Cole of Bussey, read a paper entitled "Carcinoma." Discussed by Drs. D. W. Finlayson, A. G. Field, Amos and Jepson. Closed by Dr. Cole. Paper referred.

Dr. Emmert moved that the Society now pass to the Surgical Section. Lost.

The section on Nervous Diseases was next taken up, and the Chairman being absent no report was read.

Dr. Frederic S. Thomas, Council Bluffs, read a paper entitled "Our Neurasthenic Patients." Discussed by Drs. McClure, Amos, C. F. Wahrer. Discussion closed by Dr. Thomas. Paper referred.

Dr. W. C. Pipino read a paper entitled "How Quack Doctors Obtain Certificates, which was discussed by quite a number of members.

Dr. Ball offered the following resolution:

"Resolved: That the Iowa State Medical Society hereby asserts its confidence in the Iowa State Board of Medical Examiners and wishes the Board to understand that this Society heartily sanctions every effort made by the Board to elevate the standard of medical teaching, and we pledge our support to the enactment of more stringent medical legislation," and moved the adoption of the same.