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"The practice of physic chiefly consists in being able to discover the true curative indications."—THOMAS SYDENHAM, M.D., London, 1624-1689.

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PREFACE.

THE Gynæcological Society of Boston was founded Jan. 22d, 1869, and is the first gynæcological society that was ever formed. It originally consisted of only eight members. The work undertaken was most important in its relation to the treatment of disease peculiar to women, and it has been eminently successful in stimulating the spirit for investigation into the causes of disease, and for the development and the adoption of surgical methods and procedures that have proved everywhere appropriate and successful in their results, not only in cases strictly gynæcological but in those pertaining to every other department coming under the surgeon's care.

A careful perusal of the first seven volumes of the Transactions, 1869-1872, shows that the work that was begun has been monumental in its results as does also that of the volume that appeared in 1889, besides the fact that there have been presented many able papers which have been read at various times, and the discussions that have been carried on both before and subsequent to this last date. The matters comprised within this publication are for the most part taken from the records of the secretary, and therefore any errors that may appear in the record of the discussions should be attributed to the seemingly difficult task of always interpreting correctly the expression of a speaker, especially when the remarks are presented in an extemporaneous manner.

It deserves to be mentioned that the society bears upon its rolls besides its Active Members, upwards of one hundred Honorary and fully six hundred Corresponding Members who have been distinguished in their respective departments of practice, and have been resident in the United States, in Canada, and in the European countries.

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1884.

* Died, 1875. After the service of Dr. Lewis, there does not appear from the records to have been any election to fill the vacancy, until 1878.

† Elected President Emeritus 1882.

‡ Died January 25, 1901, and Dr. Woods was elected to fill the vacancy.

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 1905.

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 1886, 1887, 1888.
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 1892, 1893, 1894.
 W. SYMINGTON BROWN, M.D., 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898.
 FRANCIS E. CARROLL, M.D., 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903,
 1904, 1905.

* Dr. Harriman died April 14, 1883. He had acted as assistant to Dr. Field during the year 1884.

† Dr. Nelson resigned 1892, and Dr. Tuttle was elected to fill the vacancy.

‡ Dr. Charles H. Harwood resigned May 1901, and Dr. Augustus P. Clarke was elected to fill the vacancy.