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OF THE

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JUNE 20, 1893.

MORNING SESSION.

TUESDAY, June 20, 1893.

The Maine Homœopathic Medical Society assembled for its twenty-seventh annual session in the parlors of the Augusta House, Augusta, Maine, on Tuesday, June 20, 1893. At 10.30 o'clock A. M., W. L. Thompson, M. D., Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, called the convention to order and requested Rev. J. S. Williamson of Augusta to invoke the divine blessing. The Recording Secretary then took the chair in the absence of the President, and called for a nomination for Chairman of the meeting. W. L. Thompson, M. D., was elected to the position and assumed the duties.

The roll call showed twenty-four members in attendance, as follows:—

DRS. E. S. ABBOTT,	-	-	-	Bridgton.
SOLON ABBOTT,	-	-	-	Biddeford.
E. E. BRIRY,	-	-	-	Bath.
M. S. BRIRY,	-	-	-	Bath.
H. C. BRADFORD,	-	-	-	Lewiston.

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C. A. COCHRAN,	-	-	Winthrop.
C. M. FOSS,	-	-	Dexter.
J. C. GANNETT,	-	-	Yarmouth.
W. V. HANSCOM,	-	-	Rockland.
A. I. HARVEY,	-	-	Newport.
A. P. HEALD,	-	-	Thomaston.
M. S. HOLMES,	-	-	Oakland.
CORA M. JOHNSON,	-	-	Skowhegan.
J. H. KNOX,	-	-	Waterville.
D. C. PERKINS,	-	-	Rockland.
J. M. PRILAY,	-	-	Bangor.
R. H. PULSIFER,	-	-	Skowhegan.
W. F. SHEPARD,	-	-	Bangor.
W. L. THOMPSON,	-	-	Augusta.
WILL S. THOMPSON,	-	-	Hallowell.
J. W. WHIDDEN,	-	-	Portland.
NANCY T. WILLIAMS,	-	-	Augusta.
W. SCOTT HILL,	-	-	Augusta.
ARTHUR L. PARSONS,	-	-	Bucksport.

Of work carried forward from the last session the reports of the Legislative Committee was called for and that Committee made report as follows:—

Dr. M. S. Briry said :—I will say that I appeared before the Committee of the Legislature when the bill to regulate the practice of medicine came up. A Registration Bill was brought forward which pretended to provide a way to improve the practice of medicine in Maine. The meeting was a large one, the discussion of the bill a very interesting one, but the Committee made no report on the bill. The bill was drawn up by a physician from Houlton. Its provisions were very indefinite. It was drawn up in a very crude manner and made no strong impression on the Committee. I believe some form of bill could be made which would work to advantage to all reputable physicians. But it is very evident that at present public sentiment is against any form of prohibitory legislation, and it is hard to make headway when quacks are able and willing to employ lawyers at three hundred dollars to

appear for them before the Committee, as they did. I was not able to talk before the Committee and cannot now. I would like to hear from Dr. Thompson. He made a strong fight against the bill though to do it he had to appear on the side the quacks were on.

Dr. W. L. Thompson:—I will say that the bill presented to the Legislature was a very cheap affair. It was puerile. There was no point in it. It provided no method at all for the enforcement of the bill if passed.

The same Committee reported that nothing had been done in the insane hospital matter as nothing had been done in the legislature about a new hospital.

The Chairman appointed as Committee on Treasurer's Accounts:—

DRS. H. C. BRADFORD,
J. W. WHIDDEN,
R. H. PULSIFER.

The Treasurer's report was presented, showing receipts for the year of \$144.00, expenses of 188. 57, leaving a balance on hand of \$273.52.

The report of the Treasurer was accepted and referred to the Auditing Committee, which made report as follows:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Maine Homœopathic Medical Society:—

Your Committee, to whom was referred the accounts of the Treasurer for examination, correction and approval, have attended to their duties and report the accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

Signed H. C. BRADFORD, } Committee
J. W. WHIDDEN, } on
R. H. PULSIFER, } Treas. Accts.

The credentials of Alonzo Boothby, M. D., of Boston, and J. H. Sherman, M. D., of East Boston, delegates from

the Massachusetts Homœopathic Medical Society were presented and they were welcomed cordially and invited to take part in the discussions of the sessions.

The following were appointed by the Chairman a Committee to nominate a board of officers for the ensuing year, viz :—

DRs. M. S. BRIRY.
W. F. SHEPARD.
J. W. WHIDDEN,
C. M. FOSS,
CORA M. JOHNSON.

The delegates to the American Institute of Homœopathy and the International Homœopathic Congress appointed by the president, W. E. Fellows M.D., were confirmed in their appointment and called upon for their report of the convention.

W. Scott Hill reported that he attended all the sessions of the Congress and found them very interesting. The attendance was much larger than last year at Washington and all the proceedings of a more interesting character.

Dr. Will S. Thompson :—I attended the Congress and was impressed by the numbers in attendance. The roster as completed showed a registered list of nine hundred and four names of members of the Institute. It was a pleasing sight to see the foreign physicians. Their names in many cases I did not try to get. Many of them were unpronounceable to me. There was one Russian physician whose paper, read before the Congress, was given in French and was just as unintelligible to me as it would have been in Russian. My visit to the Congress has made me more proud of Homœopathy. I was very glad to see some of my old professors at Cleveland, Profs.

Biggar, Cowperthwaite, Burt. I was also glad to see Dr. C. E. Fisher of Chicago, who has lately assumed the editorship of the *The Medical Century*. It was most pleasant to meet many eastern men, as Dr. I. T. Talbot, Dr. Alonzo Boothby, and many others. There was a large body of men in attendance upon the Congress and they were good representatives of our school. The lady physicians in attendance who took part in the programme read very good papers.

Among them I noticed Dr. Millie J. Chapman, of Pittsburg, Pa. and Dr. Martha A. Canfield of Cleveland, Ohio. I felt well satisfied with the whole thing except the place of meeting. The building was not completed and there was a constant noise of carpenters going on. The location of the building was unfortunate also, for it was so near to several depots that very frequently the reading of papers and the discussions were much disturbed and many good things were lost to us.

Dr. Hill must have known of this at the first for he was always to be found up at the front at every session.

Dr. Alonzo Boothby:—I am glad to be here. I had occasion to come to Maine on a professional trip and prolonged my stay to meet here with you to-day. I was at the Chicago meeting. Dr. Thompson told it right. It was the largest meeting and the best we have ever had of the Institute. Many of the highest rank among the Homœopathic physicians and surgeons of the world were there, and they would take rank with any of the physicians and surgeons of any school in the world. There was a good deal of difficulty in understanding the foreign visitors and in their understanding those of other nationalities. The place of meeting was unfortunate on account