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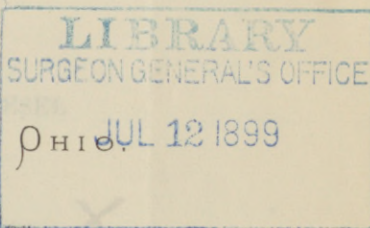
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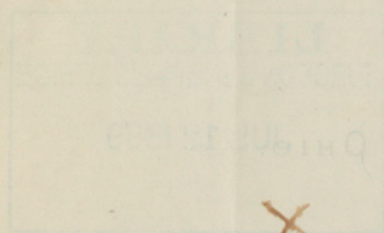
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—OF THE—

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF WHEELING,

And County of Ohio.

FOR 1868 AND 1869.

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President,

DR. A. S. TODD.

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Vice President,

DR. ROBERT H. CUMMINS.

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Secretary,

DR. HENRY J. WIESEL.

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Treasurer,

DR. JOHN C. HUPP. X

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Board of Censors,

DR. E. A. HILDRETH,

DR. W. J. BATES,

DR. RICHARD BLUM.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

—OF THE—

Medical Society of the City of Wheeling, and County of Ohio.

THE Medical Society of the State of West Virginia having recommended the organization of Associate County Societies in conformity thereto, we, the Physicians of Ohio County do form and adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Name of the Society.

The name of this Society shall be the Medical Society of the City of Wheeling and County of Ohio.

ARTICLE II.

Officers of the Society.

The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a Board of Censors to consist of three members, elected annually by ballot.

ARTICLE III.

Of the Admission of Members.

All applications for membership must be presented to the Society by some member having a competent knowledge of the applicant, and on motion referred to the Board of Censors, who shall report at the next regular meeting, and the approving votes of three-fourths of the members shall be necessary to his admission.

ARTICLE IV.

Of the Initiation Fee.

The initiation fee shall be ten dollars, besides such other contributions as the Society may prescribe.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Resignation of Members.

Any member may withdraw by presenting his written resignation, with the Treasurer's receipt for all monies due.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Forfeiture of Membership or other Censures.

Any member who shall be guilty of gross misconduct, either as a member or a citizen, or shall wilfully neglect his duty as a member or officer, or shall recognize or consult with an expelled member or irregular practitioner, or one who has been refused admission to this Society, shall be liable to expulsion or other censure as the Society may determine. But no judgment thereon shall be rendered, until after at least two months' notice, and no member shall be expelled or censure imposed unless by a vote of three-fourths of the members, and should such member subsequently offer a sufficient explanation, he may be reinstated, without expense, by a vote of three-fourths of the members.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Meetings.

The meetings of the Society shall be held monthly or on its own adjournment, and nine members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of the Duties of the Officers.

The *President* shall perform the customary duties of his office and shall not be eligible for two terms in succession. In his absence the *Vice-President* shall officiate.

The *Secretary* shall record the proceedings, have in charge all books and papers, notify absent members of their election, give due notice of the time and place of meeting, conduct the correspondence and perform such other duties as appertain to his office.

The *Treasurer* shall receive and account for all monies coming into his possession.

The *Board of Censors* shall examine and report upon the qualifications of all applicants for membership, notice and report any breach of

the constitution, by-laws, or code of ethics, or any immoralities or differences between members and if unable to adjust such differences, report the same for adjustment by the Society.

ARTICLE IX.

On Ethics.

The Society adopts the Code of Ethics of the American Medical Association.

ARTICLE X.

On Amending the Constitution.

This Constitution may be amended at once by the unanimous vote of the members present. Otherwise the amendment must lie over until the next regular meeting and be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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1. The Society shall meet the first Friday of every month, or upon its own adjournment, notice having been given one week before of the time and place of meeting.
2. One member shall be appointed at each meeting, who shall read a paper on some medical subject at the next regular meeting.
3. The customary rules of parliamentary debate shall regulate the deliberations and discussions of this Society.
4. Any By-Law may be altered, or temporarily suspended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.
5. No member of the Society shall render professional services to a family or an individual for a specified sum per annum ; but it shall be the duty of every member, in making his charges, to conform to the principle established by the Table of Fees adopted by the Society.
6. No member shall ever enter into any arrangement or secret understanding with an apothecary, whereby he is to share with such apothecary the profits arising from his prescriptions ; nor shall he give to one apothecary the formula of a prescription which he refuses to give to another.

7. No person elected a member of this Society shall be so recognized until he shall have subscribed to the Constitution and By-Laws and paid his initiation fee. And if he omit such signing and payment for the period of three months his election shall become void.

8. The semi-annual contributions shall be fixed by the Society from time to time according to its wants, and all such contributions as shall remain unpaid more than six months after their assessment shall be placed in the hands of a collector and ten per cent. added to pay for their collection.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling the meeting to order by the President, and reading the minutes of the last meeting.
2. Receiving report of Board of Censors.
3. Reading medical paper.
4. Verbal report of cases.
5. Call of question for discussion.
6. General business.
7. Adjournment.

FEE BILL

—ADOPTED BY THE—

Medical Society of the City of Wheeling and County of Ohio.

January 8th, 1869.

GENERAL PRACTICE.

For each visit, whether medical, surgical or obstetrical, in cases of regular attendance.....	1 50 to 2 00
In cases of extraordinary service, detention or attendance, or when, for any reason, the case is one of unusual importance or responsibility, the charges should be proportionately increased; and the duty to make such increased charge shall be considered obligatory upon the practitioner.	
For each visit for a specified purpose during the day by appointment of the patient or his friends.....	3 00 to 5 00
For a visit after 10 o'clock p. m. and before 7 o'clock a. m....	3 00 to 5 00
For a visit involving travel out of the city, mileage shall be charged at a rate, per mile, for short distances of.....	1 00
In cases of long distances, travelled by railroad, the mileage may be reckoned according to the time saved to the practitioner	50 to 1 00
For advice at the Physician's house, according to the importance of the case, unseasonableness of the hour, or time occupied.....	1 00 to 10 00
For first visit in consultation.....	5 00 to 10 00
For each subsequent visit is consultation, where the attendance is continuous, the fee may be as in ordinary cases, In cases of consultation or other extraordinary attendance in the night the fee for a night visit shall be added.	1 50 to 2 00

- For vaccination at the Physician's house 1 00
 At the patient's residence the fee for a visit shall be added.
- For a post-mortem examination, made at the request of the family or relations of the deceased.....20 00 to 50 00
- It is recommended that in the treatment of gonorrhoea or syphilis the first charge shall be from 5 00 to 10 00 always in advance, the subsequent charges to be as in ordinary case of attendance or advice.

MIDWIFERY.

- For attendance during labor in the the day-time..10 00 to 20 00
 If the attendance is during the night the charge for night visit may be added, at the discretion of the practitioner. For attendance during tedious labor, it shall be considered obligatory to make such additional charges as, in the discretion of the practitioner, the extraordinary attendance or service shall seem to demand.
- Obstetrical operations, such as turning, application of forceps, &c., when necessary, shall be charged, in addition to the usual fee for attendance.....10 00 to 25 00
 In obstetric practice all subsequent visits shall be charged as in ordinary cases of attendance.
- In cases of labor when the child is born, but not the placenta, before the arrival of the accoucheur, the whole fee is to be charged. When both the child and placenta are born before the arrival of the accoucheur half the fee may be charged. This rule is intended to apply to cases in which the services of the accoucheur have been previously engaged, and in which the delay does not arise from his fault. If in any case of labor a second physician is called in consultation, and subsequently detained in joint attendance, both attending and consulting physicians shall be entitled to the full fee for attendance.

SURGERY.

- For capital operations, or operations of unusual difficulty such as amputations of large limbs, ligations of large arteries, operations for stone in the bladder, removal of breasts or of other large tumors, operations for cataract, for strangulated hernia, for vesico-vaginal fistula, for cleft palate, &c50 00 to 200 00
- For operations of secondary importance, or difficulty, such as operations for fistula-in-ano, for hare-lip, for radical cure of hydrocele, reduction of dislocations or fractures of large bones, amputations of fingers and toes, tracheotomy, removal of small tumors not involving important organs, passing catheter in cases of obstruction, ligation of arteries of secondary size, &c.....25 00 to 100 00

For minor operations such as excision of tonsils, removal of nasal polypi, tapping for hydrocele or for ascites, opening abscesses, catheterism, stitching recent wounds, cupping, passing setons, excision of wens, &c.....	2 00 to 20 00
After surgical operations all subsequent visits shall be charged as in ordinary cases of attendance	1 50 to 20 00

The above table of fees being founded on a just consideration of the professional services which the members of this Society are called upon to perform, it will be considered their duty firmly to adhere to them in all cases, except where the circumstances of their patients are of a character clearly to forbid such a course. It is not designed, however, by these regulations to prevent gratuitous services to the poor who ought ever to be deemed objects of kindness and attention.

All fees shall be considered as due when the services are rendered; but the members of this Society are urgently advised to make out and present their bills at least once in every six months.

It has been customary for the faculty of this city, and is the usage of the profession generally, to attend ministers of the gospel gratuitously. The members of this Society are still willing to extend this courtesy to such ministers as have a stated charge and are dependent on their salary for their support, but in no case will they do so where ministers have means of living outside of their profession, engage in secular pursuits, or in any way countenance quackery.

CATALOGUE OF MEMBERS

—OF THE—

Medical Society of the City of Wheeling and County of Ohio.

ALLEN, B. W.

BATES, W. J.

BAIRD, G.

BINGELL, E. W.

BLUM, RICHARD

BAGULEY, D.

CUMMINS, JAMES

CUMMINS, ROBT. H.

FRISSELL, JOHN

FORD, SAMPLE

HAZLETT, R. W.

HILDRETH, E. A.

HUPP, JOHN C.

McGINNIS, D. J.

REEVES, JAMES E.

TODD, A. S.

WIESEL, HENRY J.

