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**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

OF THE

**Massachusetts**

**COLLEGE OF PHARMACY ;**

WITH A

LIST OF THE MEMBERS, AND THE BYLAWS OF

**The Board of Trustees.**

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## Preamble.

The apothecary is intimately connected both with a mercantile, and a learned profession. On the one hand, he must become acquainted with the principles and the various forms of commercial transactions, and acquire the enterprize, prudence and skill of the merchant; and on the other, he must familiarize himself with the branches of natural science which are cultivated by the physician.

Medical science has for its object the cure of diseases. For this purpose, the character of the diseases, and the remedies for them must be ascertained. It is also found requisite in the general practice of medicine, that the numerous remedies should be collected, prepared, and kept in a proper state for exhibition. This latter branch belongs to Pharmacy, and is, by the division of the science in this country, assigned to the apothecary, while the former is reserved exclusively to the physician.

Pharmacy embraces a knowledge of the physical and chemical qualities of medicinal articles, and the art of preserving, preparing, and compounding them for application in practice. Of these, the preparation of medicines is the

most important, and includes the principal operations of pharmacy. These operations require not only a knowledge of the general principles of chemistry, but also an extensive, minute and practical acquaintance with its details and manipulations.

Since then it is committed to the apothecary to select and prepare the medicines on which the practitioner depends for his success in preserving life and restoring health ;—since these medicines are very various in number and quality, and require extensive and accurate knowledge for their preparation ;—since also they are easily sophisticated, so as to destroy their efficiency without its being readily detected by simple inspection, (thereby increasing the temptation to adulterate which arises from the competition in prices,) it is at once apparent, that a scientific and practical education in pharmacy is requisite, to qualify the apothecary for discharging the duties of his profession with credit to himself, and with safety to the community.

In order therefore to provide the means of a systematic education,—to regulate the instruction of apprentices,—to promote a spirit of pharmaceutical investigation, and to diffuse information among the members of the profession,—to discountenance the sale of spurious, adulterated and inferior articles,—to regulate the business as far as practicable and consistent with our social institutions,—to cherish habits of friendly intercourse,—and in general to advance the character and interest of

the profession, we, the undersigned, druggists and apothecaries, agree to associate together under the following constitution, which we adopt in principle, and to which we will adhere in practice.

## **Constitution.**

ART. 1. The association shall be called the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, and it shall consist of such druggists and apothecaries as shall at the present time subscribe this constitution, and of those who shall hereafter be received according to its requisitions.

ART. 2. The officers of the College shall be a President, vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, and after the first organization, they shall be elected annually by ballot on the third Wednesday of March.

ART. 3. The President, vice President, and Secretary shall perform the duties of their respective offices at the meetings of the College, and shall also sign the certificates of membership, and the diplomas of the institution. The treasurer shall receive and hold the funds of the College, giving bonds to the President for the faithful performance of his trust. He shall pay money only to the order of the President, or of the Chairman of the board of Trustees, countersigned by the secretary of the institution or board, as the case may be; and he shall report the state of his accounts to the College at every annual meeting, and to



the board of Trustees whenever they shall require it.

ART. 4. Stated meetings of the College shall be held on the third Wednesdays of March and September, to transact business, and to receive essays and communications relating to the objects of the association. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. The affairs of the College shall be transacted by a board of Trustees, consisting of six members, beside the officers who shall be ex officio members of the board, to be chosen annually by ballot, one half at the stated meeting in March, and the other half, at the stated meeting in September. The board of Trustees shall meet once in three months, or oftener if necessary, by adjournment, or by order of the chairman. Six members shall constitute a quorum.

The Board of Trustees shall have power to establish a school of Pharmacy,—to provide suitable apparatus,—to procure a library,—to collect a cabinet of specimens,—to appoint one or more instructors or lecturers, as may seem expedient, on Chemistry, Materia Medica, and Pharmacy, and on such collateral branches of Natural Science as may be useful to an apothecary. They shall appoint a *committee of inspection*, who shall examine all drugs and medicines brought into the market, which shall be submitted to them, and shall report the quality to the board, who shall make it known to the public, whenever the welfare of the community or the interest of the trade re-



quire it. They shall also appoint a *committee of equity* to settle any difficulties which may arise among the members in the course of business, if referred to them. The board of Trustees shall elect all members of the association; and shall adopt rules for the examination of those who shall attend the course of instruction in the school of pharmacy, and for granting diplomas to them.

ART. 6. Any person, regularly educated as a druggist or apothecary, or who shall have received a diploma from this institution, and shall sustain a good moral character, may be proposed, in writing, to the board, at a stated meeting, for membership by two members of the association. At the next stated meeting, he may be elected a member by ballot, four fifths of the votes of the whole Board being necessary to a choice.

ART. 7. Every subscriber to this constitution, and every person who shall hereafter be elected a member, shall pay the sum of five dollars, as an admission fee; and all members shall pay an assessment of five dollars annually, to aid the funds of the College. No member whose admission fee shall be unpaid, or whose annual assessment shall be six months in arrears, shall be entitled to a vote.

ART. 8. Complaints against any member of the College may be made to the board of Trustees for mal-practice and misconduct in the business of his profession; and, if on investigation it shall appear, that he has been guilty of adulterating any articles of drugs or

medicine, or of knowingly vending adulterated or deteriorated articles, or those which are otherwise of bad quality, the board may report the facts to a meeting of the association publicly called, when, a majority of *all* the members of the association concurring, he shall be expelled.

ART. 9. No amendment or alteration of this constitution shall be made, unless the proposed amendment or alteration shall be submitted to the association by three members at a stated meeting, and at the next stated meeting be considered, and adopted by two thirds of the members present.

December 26, 1822.

#### OFFICERS.

EPHRAIM ELIOT, *President.*

ROBERT FENNELLY, *Vice President.*

EPHRAIM L. ELIOT, *Treasurer.*

SAMUEL N. BREWER, *Secretary.*

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JOHN BACON,  
DANIEL NOYES,  
HENRY WHITE,

JOHN THAYER,  
THOMAS FARRINGTON,  
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Ephraim Eliot,  
Thomas Bartlett,  
Robert Fennelly,  
Elias Maynard,  
John Bacon,  
John I. Brown,  
Ephraim L. Eliot,  
John Fleet Eliot,  
Charles White,  
Henry White,  
Samuel Clarke,  
Thomas Farrington,

Terence Wakefeild,  
Wm. B. White,  
Samuel N. Brewer,  
Joseph Kidder,  
John Thayer,  
Daniel Henchman,  
Daniel Noyes,  
William Blasland,  
Ebenezer C. Preston,  
John P. Whitwell,  
Gideon B. Blasland.

# BYLAWS

## OF THE

# College.

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### ARTICLE 1.

#### STATED MEETINGS.

SECT. I. As soon as a quorum appears after the appointed time of meeting, the President, or in his absence the Vice President, shall take the chair, and call the meeting to order. Should both officers be absent, a chairman shall be chosen to preside until one of them appears.

SECT. II. At stated or adjourned meetings, business shall be transacted according to the following order.

1st. The record of the preceding meeting shall be read.

2d. The minutes of the Board of Trustees for the last six months shall be read, and such reports or memoirs as they may present.

3d. The report of the Treasurer shall be acted upon.

4th. Essays and communications relating to the objects of the Institution.

5th. Incidental business.

SECT. III. No motion shall be received unless seconded, nor until the mover, if required by the President, Chairman, or a member, shall have committed it to writing.

SECT. IV. Every member when speaking, shall address the chair; and when a question is before the College, no motion shall be received unless to amend, divide, commit, or postpone it, or to adjourn the meeting, and a motion to adjourn shall always be decided without debate.

SECT. V. The chair shall decide upon questions of order, from which decision, however, an appeal to the meeting may be had, if required by two members, and the meeting shall decide thereon without debate.

SECT. VI. The President shall have a casting vote when the members are equally divided on any question



SECT. VII. The Secretary shall keep regular minutes of the meetings of the College, furnish to committees a minute of their appointment, and give at least one day's notice to the members of the time and place of meeting.

## **ARTICLE 2.**

### **SPECIAL MEETINGS.**

SECT. I. By order of the President, or at the request of three members communicated in writing, and specifying the objects in view, the Secretary shall call a special meeting of the College.

SECT. II. At every special meeting, after the record of the preceding meeting has been read, the College shall immediately proceed to the consideration of the business for which it was specially convened, and no other business shall be brought before the College at such special meeting until the business for which said meeting was called shall have been transacted.

## **ARTICLE 3.**

### **APPRENTICES.**

No member shall receive an apprentice for a less term than five years, and it shall be rendered obligatory on such apprentice to attend two courses of the different lectures of the Institution.

## **ARTICLE 4.**

### **ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.**

Every person who has served an apprenticeship of three years to the Drug and Apothecary business, with a person competent to instruct him, and who at the date of the enactment of these Bylaws is twenty years of age, shall, after having attended *one* full course of the lectures of the Institution be entitled to become a candidate for membership in the College.



**ARTICLE 5.****CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP.**

Every member of this College shall, on paying to the Treasurer thereof one dollar and a half, be entitled to a certificate of membership, signed by the President, Vice-President and Secretary.

**ARTICLE 6.**

The annual instalment shall be paid previous to the annual meeting in March.

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# **Bylaws**

OF THE

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES.**


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**ARTICLE 1.**

SECT. I. The Trustees shall organize themselves at their first meeting after their election by choosing from their number a Chairman and Secretary by ballot. The Chairman shall preside in the meetings of all the Committees which are not otherwise provided for—and shall vote only when the Board is equally divided. The Secretary shall keep a record of all the proceedings of the Board—read all communications and preserve them on file—and shall give notice of the meetings of the Board to the several members at least one day previous to each meeting.

SECT. II. The stated meetings of the Board shall be held on the fourth Wednesday of *March, June, September and December*, at such hour and place as the Chairman shall direct. Six members shall constitute a quorum. After the hour appointed for the meeting, no member

shall be allowed to retire unless excused by the Chairman.

SECT. III. The Secretary shall call special meetings of the Board when directed by the Chairman, or requested by three members in writing.

## **ARTICLE 2.**

SECT. I. The Board shall appoint by ballot the following standing committees at the first stated meeting of the Board after the annual meeting of the College in March, viz.

A Library Committee, of three members.

A Cabinet Committee of two members.

A Committee of Inspection of two members, and

A Committee of Equity, of three members.

When vacancies occur in either of the Committees, they shall be filled at the next meeting of the Board.

SECT. II. The Library Committee shall procure, with such funds as may be placed at their disposal by the Board, a collection of books on Chemistry, Materia Medica and Pharmacy, and such other subjects as relate to the objects of the College, and shall have the general superintendence of the Library. All members of the College shall be allowed to take books from the Library for themselves and their apprentices, under such regulations as the Board shall prescribe.

SECT. III. The Cabinet Committee shall procure in such manner as the Board shall direct, specimens of the various articles of Materia Medica and the collateral branches of natural science, and shall arrange and preserve them in proper order for exhibition. Members of the College shall be admitted to the Cabinet under such rules as shall be adopted by the Board.

SECT. IV. The Committee of Inspection shall examine all drugs and medicines which may be submitted to them, and shall report to the Board such adulterated or bad articles as may come within their knowledge.

SECT. V. The Committee of Equity shall decide upon all matters in controversy between the members of the College which may be referred to them; the parties first giving bond, if required, to abide by the decision.





