

THE
CHARTER, BY-LAWS, REGULATIONS

AND

POLICE

OF THE

New-Hampshire Medical Society,

WITH A LIST OF THE

OFFICERS, FELLOWS, AND HONORARY MEMBERS

FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING IN JUNE, 1831.

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CHARTER.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

(L.S.) *An Act, to incorporate certain Physicians by the name of the New-Hampshire Medical Society.*

As health is essentially necessary to the happiness of society; and as its preservation or recovery is closely connected with the knowledge of the animal economy, and of the properties and effect of Medicine; and as the benefit of Medical Institutions, formed on liberal principles, and encouraged by the patronage of the Law, is universally acknowledged :

§ 1. *Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, That Josiah Bartlett, Joshua Brackett, Ammi Ruhami Cutter, Hall Jackson, Nathaniel Peabody, William Page, Moses Carr, James Brackett, John Rogers, John Jackson, Ezra Green, Ebenezer Rockwood, William Cogswell, Kendall Osgood, George Sparhawk, William Parker, Samuel Tenney, Benjamin Page, and Isaac Thom, be, and they hereby, are, formed into, constituted and made a Body Politic and Corporate, by the name of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MEDICAL SOCIETY; and that they and their successors, and such other persons as shall be elected in the manner hereinafter mentioned, shall be and continue a Body Politic and Corporate by the same name forever.*

§ 2. *And be it further enacted, That the Fellows of said Society may, from time to time, elect a President, Vice-President, and Secretary, with such other Officers as they shall judge necessary and convenient. And the Fellows of said Society shall have full power and authority, from time to time, to determine and establish the names, number, and duty of their several Officers, and the tenure and estate they have in their offices, respectively; and also to authorize and empower their President, or some other Officer, to administer such oaths to such Officers as they, the Fellows of said Society, shall appoint and determine, for the well ordering and good government of the said Society—provided the same be not repugnant to the Laws of this State.*

§ 3. *And be it further enacted, That the Fellows of said Society shall have one common Seal, and power to break, change, and renew the same at their pleasure.*

§ 4. *And be it further enacted, That the Fellows of said Society may sue and be sued, in all actions, real, personal, and mixed, and prosecute and defend the same unto final judgment*

and execution, by the name of the NEW-HAMPSHIRE MEDICAL SOCIETY.

§ 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the Fellows of said Society may, from time to time, elect such persons to be Fellows thereof, as they may judge proper; and that they, the Fellows of said Society, shall have power to suspend, expel, or disfranchise, any Fellows of said Society.

§ 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the Fellows of said Society shall have full power and authority to make and enact such Rules and By-Laws, for the better government of said Society, as are not repugnant to the Laws of this State; and to annex reasonable fines and penalties to the breach of them, not exceeding the sum of Twenty Pounds, to be sued for and recovered by said Society, and to their own use, in any Court of Record in this State proper to try the same; and also to establish the time and manner of convening the members of said Society; and also to determine the number of Fellows that shall be present to constitute a meeting of said Society; and also that the number of said Society, who are inhabitants of this State, shall not at any time be more than seventy, nor less than fifteen; and that their meeting shall be held in Concord, or such other place within this State as a majority of the members present, in a legal meeting, shall judge most fit and convenient.

And whereas it is clearly of importance, that a just discrimination should be made between such as are duly educated and properly qualified for the duties of their profession, and those who may ignorantly and wickedly administer medicine, whereby the health and lives of many valuable individuals may be endangered, or perhaps lost to the community:

§ 7. *Be it therefore further enacted,* That the President and Fellows of said Society, or such of their Officers or Fellows as they may appoint, shall have full power and authority to examine all candidates for the practice of Physic and Surgery, who shall offer themselves for examination respecting their skill in their profession; and if upon examination, the said candidates shall be found skilled in their profession, and fitted for the practice of it, they shall receive the approbation of the Society, in letters testimonial of such examination, under the Seal of Said Society, signed by the President, or such other person or persons as shall be appointed for that purpose.

§ 8. *And be it further enacted,* That if the said President, and such other person or persons so elected and appointed for the purpose of examining candidates as aforesaid, shall obstinately and unreasonably refuse to examine any candidate so offering himself for examination as aforesaid, such and every such person so elected and appointed as aforesaid, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding One Hundred Pounds, nor less than Twenty Pounds, to be recovered by the said candidate, and to his own use, in any Court within this State proper to try the same.

§ 9. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of

the said MEDICAL SOCIETY, from time to time, to describe and point out such a medical instruction or education, as they shall judge requisite for candidates for the practice of Physic and Surgery, previous to their examination before them, or their Officers appointed for that purpose, respecting their skill in their profession, and shall cause the same to be published in two newspapers printed in different counties in this state. And every candidate, examined and approved by the President and Fellows of said Society, or such of their Officers or Fellows as they shall appoint, shall be held to pay such reasonable fees of office as shall be established by said Society for the examination of candidates, and letters testimonial in favour of such as shall be approbated. And the Treasurer of said Society for the time being, shall have full power and authority to sue for and recover the same, in any Court proper to try the same.

§ 10. *And be it further enacted,* That the Fellows of said Society may and shall forever be deemed capable in law, of holding and taking, in fee-simple, or any less estate, by gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, any lands, tenements, or other estate, real or personal, provided that the annual income of the whole real estate that may be given, granted, or devised to, or purchased by, the said Society, shall not exceed the sum of Two Hundred Pounds, and the annual income or interest of said personal estate shall not exceed the sum of One Thousand Pounds: And the annual income or interest of the said real and personal estate, together with the fines and penalties paid to said Society, or recovered by them, shall be appropriated to such purposes as are consistent with the end and design of the institution of said Society, and as the Fellows thereof shall determine.

§ 11. *And be it further enacted,* That His Excellency Josiah Bartlett, Esquire, be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to fix the time and place of holding the first meeting of said Medical Society, and to notify the Fellows thereof accordingly.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

In the House of Representatives, Feb. 11, 1791.

The foregoing bill having been read a third time, passed to be enacted.

Sent up for concurrence.

MOSES DOW, Speaker

In Senate, Feb. 16, 1791.

This bill having been read a third time—

VOTED, That the same be enacted.

JOSIAH BARTLETT, President

A true copy.—Attest—

JOSEPH PEARSON, Secretary.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

In the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

(L.S.) *An Act, in addition to an Act, entitled "An Act to incorporate certain Physicians by the name of the New-Hampshire Medical Society."*

Whereas an act of the Legislature passed February 1791, incorporating certain Physicians therein mentioned, by the name of the New-Hampshire Medical Society: And whereas the number of members by said act was limited to seventy: And whereas the number of respectable Physicians in said State has very considerably increased since the passage of said act: And whereas it would be highly conducive to the interest of Medical Science, to embrace all such by said Society:—Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened, That the New-Hampshire Medical Society shall hereafter be authorized and empowered to admit and receive into their Society, two hundred members.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

In the House of Representatives, June 21, 1816

The foregoing bill having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

Sent up for concurrence.

DAVID L. MORRIL, Speaker.

In Senate, June 22, 1816.

This bill having been read a third time, was enacted.

WILLIAM BADGER, President.

June 22, 1816.

By the Governer approved.

WILLIAM PLUMER.

A true copy.—Attest—

SAMUEL SPARHAWK, Secretary.

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

CHAPTER I.

SECTION. I. *Annual Meeting.* The annual meeting of the Society shall be holden the Tuesday preceding the first Wednesday in June, at ten o'clock, in the town of Concord, or at such other place as the Society may appoint, fourteen days notice being previously given by the Secretary in two public papers. Nine Fellows shall constitute a quorum to transact business. At this meeting, there shall be elected, by ballot, a President, Vice-President, two Counsellors and two Censors from each District, a Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, the Library Committee, Committee of Correspondence, and two Delegates to attend the Medical Examinations at Dartmouth College.

SEC. II. *Order of Business.* 1. After the President shall have declared the meeting open, the Secretary shall read the transactions of the last meeting, and report the unfinished business.

2. He shall lay before the Society the doings of the Council.
3. The report of committees shall be received.
4. The election of officers shall be made.
5. Dissertations shall be read.
6. Miscellaneous business.

SEC. III. *Rules of Decorum.* 1. The President shall not leave the chair, unless on some urgent occasion; nor speak to any question, without first obtaining permission.

2. No Fellow shall speak in Debate, without rising and addressing himself to the President.

3. No Fellow, having spoken once in a debate, shall speak again to the prevention of another who has not spoken and manifests a desire to speak.

4. Every Fellow, as soon as he has done speaking, shall sit down.

5. No Fellow shall speak on any subject, after the question is decided.

6. No Fellow shall interrupt another while speaking, unless to call him to order, or to correct a mistake.

7. No motion shall be considered, unless seconded.

8. No fellow shall nominate more than one for the same committee, provided the first be chosen.

9. No vote shall be re-considered by a less number than were present when it passed.

On the day of annual meeting, a dinner shall be provided, under the direction of the Treasurer, at the expense of the Soci-

ety; and an invitation to this dinner shall be given to such professional strangers as the Council shall think proper to notice in this manner, Literary gentleman, interested in Medical Science, and students in Medicine, may be invited to hear the Dissertations.

SEC. IV. *Assessment.* Every Fellow shall annually contribute ONE DOLLAR to the funds of the Society, and pay the same to the Treasurer; and no Fellow shall be allowed the loan of any book or other article belonging to the Society, nor be allowed to vote at any meeting, until he shall have made such payment.

SEC. V. *Resignations.* A Fellow may resign his Fellowship, after giving satisfactory reasons to the Council.

SEC. VI. *Vacancies.* Any officer may, for sufficient reasons, resign his office; in which case, or on the death of any officer, the Council shall appoint a successor.

SEC. VII. *Expulsion.* In cases in which the Council of the General Society have original jurisdiction, a complaint shall be lodged with a counsellor of the district to which the accused party belongs; and if the said counsellor is convinced that the charge is not a frivolous or a vexatious one, he shall annex an order to the complaint, directed to the accused party, requiring him to appear before the council; which the complainant shall serve on the accused, by leaving an attested copy of the complaint and order with him, at least fifteen days before the meeting of the council, and make a return of his doings thereon to the secretary, on or before the meeting of the council.

No deposition shall be received from either party, unless in case of the consent between the two parties before the council, the adverse party has been served with a regular notice, agreeably to the statute regulating the taking of depositions out of court.

SEC. VIII. *Consultations.* It is deemed disreputable, and shall be unlawful, for a Fellow or Associate of this Society, in the capacity of Physician or Surgeon, to advise or consult with any person, unless he has one or more of the following qualifications:—

1. He shall have been duly examined and licensed by the Censors: Or,
2. He shall have received the degree of Bachelor or Doctor of Medicine at some University: Or,
3. In case he has come from some other State or country, (see chap. III. sec. III.) shall produce to the Censors such evidence or testimonials of his qualifications for the practice of Medicine and Surgery, as they shall deem and certify to be sufficient.

And every Fellow or Associate who shall consult with, abet, or assist any person not qualified as above, or who has been expelled from the Society, either by visiting his patients, or advising with him in any way whatever, shall for such offence be dis-

qualified from voting at any meeting for one year, shall be liable to the censure and reprimand of the Council, and, in aggravated cases, to expulsion. *Provided nevertheless*, That it may be *admissible* for Fellows or Associates to consult with practitioners not regularly licensed, who entered the practice prior to the year 1810, and who are reputed for integrity and morals. But if in any case a difference of opinion should arise as to the necessity or propriety of such consultations, the case shall be referred to the Council.—(See chap. IV. sec. VII.)

SEC. IX. *Dissertations*. It shall be the duty of the President of the Society to read a Dissertation or an Essay annually, at 11 o'clock, A. M. on the day of the annual meeting, and that the other Dissertations be read immediately after. If the person appointed to read a Discourse or Dissertation before the Society shall neglect to prepare himself, and shall offer no satisfactory reason, he shall forfeit and pay to the Society the sum of Five Dollars, to be disposed of for the use of the Library: *Provided always*, That if such person shall duly cause to be presented to the Society a copy of his Dissertation, he may be excused from delivering the same, and the copy so presented shall be read by the Secretary: And every Dissertation read before the Society shall be written on quarto paper, ten inches in length and eight inches in breadth, leaving one inch inner margin to admit of binding; and shall be left with the Librarian, to be kept on file, subject at any time to the inspection of members.

SEC. X. *Advice*. Patients may be brought before the Society for advice, permission having first been obtained from the President. After their examination, a committee of three shall be appointed to report a method of treatment.

SEC. XI. *Committee of Correspondence*. There shall be annually chosen a committee, consisting of one from each District, to be styled the *Committee of Correspondence*, whose duty it shall be, in their joint or individual capacity, to collect and present to the Society, at each annual meeting, an historical account of prevailing diseases, an account of epidemics, and such novel and interesting cases as the Fellows may communicate to them; and any other information that may contribute to the good of the Society, and advance the knowledge of the healing art.

SEC. XII. *Delegates*. There shall be annually chosen two Delegates to attend the examination of candidates for Medical Degrees at Dartmouth College, whose duties shall commence the January succeeding the annual meeting, and continue in office one year.

SEC. XIII. *Election of Fellows*. Every person elected a Fellow, shall be notified thereof by the Secretary; and after signing the By-Laws, and paying to the Treasurer the sum of Two Dollars, shall receive from the Secretary a Certificate of Fellowship, in the form following:—

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

Be it remembered, that at a meeting of the New-Hampshire Medical Society, holden at Concord, this — day of —, A. D. 18—, A. B. was elected a Fellow thereof, and invested with all its rights and privileges.

In Testimony of which, the Seal of our Society has been affixed to these Presents, this — day of —, A. D. 18—.

C. D. President.

E. F. Secretary.

SEC. XIV. No person shall be elected a Fellow, who is not an Associate of some District Society, and does not sustain a fair moral character.

SEC. XV. *Services.* There shall be no office of profit or emolument. All duties shall be performed gratuitously. *Nevertheless*, the Society may refund monies actually expended in the discharge of duties required by the Society; and may, by special vote, award a reasonable compensation for the *extra* services of its members.

SEC. XVI. *Library Committee.* There shall annually be chosen a committee of three persons, to be called the *Library Committee*, to examine into the state of the Library, and report to the Society whether the regulations respecting the Library have been complied with, and all such measures respecting the Library as they may judge necessary and expedient.

SEC. XVII. There shall be a committee chosen every annual meeting to make a selection of books to be recommended to be read by Medical Students.

CHAPTER II.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. I. *President.* The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Council—shall regulate all debates—state and put questions regularly made—summon special meetings of the Society and Council—enforce an observance of the By-Laws and Regulations—and in case of division, shall have a casting vote in all meetings of the Society and Council.

SEC. II. *Council.* 1. The Council shall meet the day preceding the annual meeting of the Society, three of whom shall constitute a quorum.

2. They shall originate such Laws and Regulations as they may judge conducive to the well-being of the Society.

3. They shall take cognizance of all immoralities, or any breach of the Rules, Regulations, and Police of the Society, which may be made known to them. (See chap. IV. sec. v.)

4. They shall direct the Secretary in such correspondence as they may consider expedient.

5. Every deed or writing, excepting Certificates of Fellowship, to which the common *Seal* is affixed, shall be done in Council, signed by the President, and attested by the Secretary. They shall nominate or propose all candidates for admission as Fellows or Honorary Members—They shall, at least once every three years, specify such Authors as they shall judge most proper to be studied by Medical Students—They shall examine all communications, and select such as are proper to be printed, or read before the Society—They shall select two suitable persons to read Dissertations annually before the Society—And all the transactions of the Council, except the adjudication of differences, (see chap. IV. sec. v.) shall be laid before the Society, and shall be there acted on by distinct articles ; and if approved, shall be valid—and not otherwise.

Sec. III. *Secretary.* 1. The Secretary shall have charge of the Laws and Records of the Society.

2. He shall notify and attend the meetings of the Society and Council, and keep a fair record of their proceedings in separate volumes, which he shall read at the opening of the succeeding meeting.

3. He shall read at the meetings of the Society the communications of the Council.

4. He shall notify by letter absent officers of their election to office ; and immediately after any person is elected or admitted a Fellow or Honorary Member, shall transmit information thereof to him.

5. He shall answer all communications, under direction of the Council.

6. He shall affix the common Seal to Certificates of Fellowship, and Censorial Certificates.

7. He shall report at each meeting of the Society the names of those who have signified their acceptance of Fellowship since the previous meeting ; and shall perform such other duties as shall be assigned him.

SEC. IV. *Treasurer.* 1. The Treasurer shall give security for the trust reposed in him, to the satisfaction of the Council.

2. He shall demand and receive all monies due the Society, together with all bequests and donations.

3. He shall demand, and if necessary sue for and recover, all fines and assessments due to the Society.

4. He shall keep an accurate statement of all receipts and expenditures ; and his accounts shall be examined and reported annually to a committee, to be by them laid before the Society.

5. He shall, in general, have the management of the Fiscal concerns ; but shall not pay any money out of the treasury, but by order of the Society.

6. He shall pay all bills of the Society, (except for provender and spiritous liquors) while the Society are in session.

SEC. V. *Librarian.* 1. The Librarian shall have in his custody and charge, the Books, Museum, Instruments, and Apparatus of the Society.

2. He shall keep an accurate register of, and arrange them in a proper manner, and shall make such disposal of them as the Society may from time to time direct.

3. He shall make an annual statement of the business of his department to a committee, who shall report the same to the Society.

4. He shall carefully record all donations to the Society, made in his department.

5. He shall keep a record of the delivery and receipt of all Books, and the dates of the same.

SEC. VI. *Library.* 1. The Fellows shall be entitled to the use of the Books belonging to the Society, on application to the Librarian.

2. Each Fellow is allowed to retain a Book from the Library three months, and no longer. In case of neglect to return the same at the time, he shall forfeit and pay to the Librarian ten cents a week for each volume so kept, to be disposed of for the benefit of the Library; and shall be deprived of the privilege of taking out any other Book, until those retained be returned.

3. If any Book in the possession of a Fellow shall be injured, it shall be by him completely repaired or replaced; or if it be a part of a set, the whole shall be replaced.

4. Any Fellow may have one folio, two quartos, or three volumes of smaller size, at any one time.

5. No person shall take a Book from the Library, except in the presence of the Librarian, or a person deputed by him.

6. The Librarian shall be governed in his distribution of Books, by priority of application.

7. No Fellow shall be allowed to take any Book from the Library, who is in arrears in his legal assessments, or who has incurred any fine which he has not paid.

8. Any Associate member may be admitted to the privileges of the Library, by paying to the Librarian Two Dollars annually for the increase of the Library.

9. All Books shall be returned to the Library during the day of the annual meeting.

10. Honorary members, resident in the State, may have the same privileges of the Library as Fellows, by paying to the Treasurer One Dollar annually.

CHAPTER III.

SEC. I. *Qualification of Licentiates.* 1. No candidate for the practice of Physic and Surgery shall be admitted to examination, until he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years.

2. He shall have a competent knowledge of the English and Latin languages, and a general acquaintance with the principles of Geometry, and of Natural and Moral Philosophy.

3. He shall have studied three full years under the direction of some reputable Physician or Physicians, possessing the requisite qualifications for consultation, as specified in chap. I. sec. VII.

SEC. II. *Censors.* It is the duty of the Censors to examine all candidates for the practice of Medicine and Surgery, that possess the requisite qualifications. They shall meet at least twice in every year, and shall give public notice of the time and place of each meeting, one of which shall be the day preceding the annual meeting of the Society. Any two of the Censors present shall constitute a quorum for business. In every examination, the following course shall be pursued:—The candidate shall be called on for written testimonials of his having complied with the requisitions of the Society in respect to education: and it shall be especially inquired, whether any portion of the time which he has professed to devote to his professional education, has been employed in school-keeping, or any other occupation; and all time so employed shall be deducted from the time professedly devoted to his Medical education. Likewise, the candidate's knowledge of the Latin language, and of the principles of Geometry, and of Natural and Moral Philosophy, shall be carefully inquired into, and fully shewn, either by certificates from teachers of established reputation and good credit, or actual examination: and in every case where the Censors are not fully satisfied on these points, the examination shall close, and letters of approbation and license shall be refused. In case the Censors are satisfied on the points above stated, the candidate shall be critically examined in the following branches, viz. Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Materia Medica, Midwifery, Surgery, Pathology, and Therapeutics; and if the acquirements of the candidate appear to be such as to qualify him to take charge of the lives and health of his fellowmen, he shall receive a letter of approbation and license, of the form following—for which he shall pay the sum of Ten Dollars, to be devoted exclusively for the benefit of the Library:—

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

We, the Censors of the New-Hampshire Medical Society, duly appointed and authorized, have examined A. B. of C., in the country of D., a candidate for the practice of Physic and Surgery; and having found him qualified, do approve and license him a practioner in Medicine and Surgery, agreeably to Law in that case made and provided.

Dated at——, this——day of——, A. D. 18—.

E. F. }
G. H. } Censors.

By virtue of the power in me vested, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the New Hampshire Medical Society to be affixed.

I. J. President.

Attest—K. L., Secretary.

SEC. III. *Foreigners.* The Censors, upon application from any person educated in another State or Country, shall examine such evidence as he shall offer for the purpose of proving himself duly qualified to practise Medicine and Surgery; and if it shall appear that the person presenting such testimonials has received an education equal to that required by this Society, the Censors shall certify the same to the Secretary, and license him, in the form following :—

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

We, the Censors of the New-Hampshire Medical Society, duly appointed and authorized, have examined the Letters Testimonial of A. B., of C., in the State of D.; and having found them satisfactory, do hereby admit him to all the privileges of those who have been educated, examined, and licensed in this State.

Dated at——, this——day of——, A. D. 18—.

E. F. }
G. H. } Censors.

By virtue of the power in me vested, I have hereunto caused the Seal of the New-Hampshire Medical Society to be affixed.

I. J., President.

Attest—K. L., Secretary.

CHAPTER IV.

SEC. I. *District Societies.* Every application for the establishment of a District Society shall be made in writing to the Council, and if approved of by the Society, they shall issue a Charter in the following form—viz.

STATE OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

The Council of the New-Hampshire Medical Society,

To A. B. and C., Fellows of said Society— GREETING.

Your application, made in due form, requesting that a District Medical Society might be instituted, to consist of the Fellows and Associates residing in the towns of——, was duly considered and approved by the Society, on the——day of——, Anno Domini, 18—.

Be it therefore known, that a District Society, by the name of _____, is hereby established, to consist of the Fellows of the New-Hampshire Medical Society and the Associates now resident in the towns above-mentioned, and of such others as they may hereafter elect ; and A. B. is hereby authorized to call a meeting of the same, for the purpose of electing officers, and transacting any other business necessary for organizing said Society-

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names, this _____ day of _____, Anno Domini, 18—.

C. D. }
 E. F. } Council.
 G. H. }

By virtue of the power in me vested, I have caused the Seal of the New-Hampshire Medical Society to be hereunto affixed.

I. J., President.

Attest—K. L., Secretary.

SEC. II. Each District Society may establish such regulations, and appoint such officers, as they may think necessary for their own good government, not repugnant to the Laws of the General Society.

SEC. III. Each District Society may elect, as Associates, all practitioners of Physic and Surgery residing within their District, who possess the requisite qualifications for consultation as specified in chap. I. sec. VII.

SEC. IV. Associates shall be entitled to the same privileges as the Fellows, in the respective Societies to which they belong.

SEC. V. Fellows and Honorary Members of the General Society may attend the meetings of any District Society, but are not entitled to the privilege of voting.

SEC. VI. *Fee-Bills.* Whereas it is inconsistent with the dignity of the Medical profession, for Physicians, in their corporate capacities, to establish fee-bills, or fix the rate of professional charges.—This Society therefore will not establish the rate of Medical charges ; and any such proceeding in the District Societies are hereby declared to be null and of no effect. *Nevertheless*, in order to promote harmony, and to prevent jealousy and collision in business, it is recommended to individuals in their respective towns, to adopt an uniformity in charges ; and it should be deemed a point of honor to adhere to them, provided that gratuitous services to the poor be not prohibited.

SEC. VII. *Adjustment of Differences.* The Council of the General Society shall have original jurisdiction in all cases of controversy, between two parties belonging to different districts, and also cases of complaints preferred against a member, which, if prove correct, render him liable to expulsion from the Society. And in all cases where such differences shall arise between Fellows and Associates, not members of the same

District, they shall be referred directly to the Council of the General Society : And differences existing between members of the Council, shall be decided by the remaining members thereof. In any breach of the By-Laws of this Society by any individual, member or members, it shall be the duty of the complainant in all cases to prefer the charges within one year from the annual meeting next after the offence is committed.

SEC. VIII. *District Societies.* The Secretaries of the District Societies shall annually transmit to the Secretary of the General Society, on or before the first Monday preceding the annual meeting of the State Society, an abstract of the proceedings of their respective Societies ; also a list of all the Associates : and in case of neglect, shall forfeit and pay to the Treasurer of the General Society, the sum of ten dollars.

SEC. IX The proceedings and acts of District Societies shall be subject to the control of the General Society, and may be by them amended or abolished as they shall deem expedient.

SEC. X. Each District shall be entitled to the examining fees for the increase of the District Library, or as they may otherwise dispose of the same.

Resolved, That when a Fellow of this Society resigns his membership in the District Society to which he belongs, his membership will at the same time cease in this Society.

Resolved, That it be the duty of each member of this Society to use his influence, and discourage in every way in his power, any young gentleman from entering the study of physic, without an education that would entitle him to admission as a member at Dartmouth College.

Resolved, That it be the duty of the President to call on all members present at every meeting, to report such epidemic and prevailing diseases as have occurred at any time within the circle of their practice, and the method of treatment which has been successfully pursued in their cure ; and all other facts and information, relative to the practice of medicine, which may be thought worthy of notice. That those cases, when convenient, shall be communicated in writing ; and that it shall be the duty of the Secretary to record a condensed account of the same in the Case-Book of the Society.

 The Police of the Massachusetts Medical Society, selected from Percival's Medical Ethics, having been prepared with great circumspection, and being found by experience highly beneficial, is adopted, with but few variations, by the New-Hampshire Medical Society.

POLICE.**CONSULTATIONS.**

Consultations should be encouraged in difficult and protracted cases, as they give rise to confidence, energy, and more enlarged views in practice. On such occasions, no rivalry or jealousy should be indulged ; candour, justice, and all due respect should be exercised towards the Physician who first attended ; and as he may be presumed to be best acquainted with the patient and his family, he should deliver all the directions, and perform such operations as are agreed upon, unless he request otherwise. It should be the province, however, of the senior consulting Physician to propose the necessary questions to the sick.

The consulting Physician is never to visit without the attending one, unless by the desire of the latter, or when, as in sudden emergency, he is not to be found. No discussion of the case should take place before the patient or his friends, and no prognostications shall be delivered which are not the result of previous deliberation and concurrence. Theoretical debates shall be avoided in consultations, as occasioning perplexity and loss of time ; for there may be much diversity of opinion on speculative points, with perfect agreement on the mode of practice. Physicians, in consultations, whatever may be their private resentments, or opinions of each other, should divest themselves of all partialities, and think of nothing but what will most effectually contribute to the relief of those under their care.

If a Physician's mind is not open to conviction, from whatever quarter it may come, he should in honor decline the consultation. In consultations, all debates and discussions are to be confidential ; and the utmost punctuality should be observed in consultation visits.

INTERFERENCES.

Medicine is a liberal profession. Practitioners ought to be men of education ; and their expectations of business should be founded on their qualifications, not on artifice and insinuation. A certain undefinable species of assiduities and attentions to

families usually employing another, is to be considered as beneath the dignity of a regular Physician, and as making a mere trade of a learned profession ; and all officious interferences in cases of sickness of such families, evince a meanness of disposition unbefitting the character of a practitioner or gentleman. No meddling inquiries should be made concerning them, nor hints given relative to their nature or treatment, nor any selfish conduct pursued that may directly or indirectly tend to weaken confidence in the Physician or Surgeon who has the care of them.

When a Physician or Surgeon is called to a patient, who has been under the care of another gentleman of the Faculty, he shall ascertain, before any examination of the case, whether that gentleman still continues his visits, and whether the patient considers himself under his care : in which case, he is not to assume the charge of the patient, nor to give advice, (excepting in instances of sudden attack) without a regular consultation : and if such previously attending gentleman has discontinued his visits, and the patient does not consider himself under his care, his practice should be treated with candor, and justified so far as probity and truth will admit ; for the want of success in the primary treatment of the disorder, is no impeachment of professional skill and knowledge. It frequently happens, that a Physician, in incidental communications with the patients of others, or with their friends, may have their cases stated to him in so direct a manner, as not to admit of his declining to pay attention to them. Under such circumstances, his observations should be delivered with the most delicate propriety and reserve. He should not interfere in the curative plans pursued, and should even recommend a steady adherence to them, if they appear to merit approbation.

DIFFERENCES OF PHYSICIANS.

As diversity of opinion, and opposition of interest, may in the Medical, as in other professions, sometimes occasion *controversy*, and even *contention* ; whenever such cases unfortunately occur as may affect the honour and respectability of the profession, and cannot be immediately terminated, they should be referred to the arbitration of the neighbouring Physicians, [see By-Laws, chap. IV. sec. V.]—But neither the subject matter of such references, nor the adjudication, should be made publick, as they may be personally injurious to the individuals concerned, and what is of more consequence, discredit the profession, and expose the Faculty to contempt and ridicule.

DISCOURAGEMENT OF QUACKERY.

The use of quack medicines should be discouraged as disgraceful to the profession, injurious to health, and often destructive to life. No Physician or Surgeon therefore shall dispense a secret nostrum, whether it be his invention, or exclusive property: for if it be of real efficacy, the concealment of it is inconsistent with beneficence and professional liberality; and if mystery alone give it value and importance, such craft implies either disgraceful ignorance, or fraudulent avarice.

CONDUCT FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE MEDICAL CHARACTER.

A Physician should cautiously guard against whatever may injure the general respectability of the profession, and should avoid all contumelious representations of the Faculty at large, all general charges against their selfishness or improbity, or the indulgence of an affected or jocular skepticism, concerning the efficacy and utility of the healing art.

FEES.

General rules should be adopted by the Faculty in each town, relative to the pecuniary acknowledgements of their patients, and it should be deemed a point of honour to adhere to them; and every deviation from, or evasion of such rules, should be considered as meriting the indignation and contempt of the Fraternity. Gratuitous services to the poor are by no means prohibited. The characteristic beneficence of the profession is inconsistent with sordid views and avaricious rapacity. The poor of every description should be the objects of our peculiar care. Dr. Boerhaave used to say they were his best patients, because God was their paymaster.

EXEMPTION FROM CHARGES.

The Clergyman of the town, and all members of the Medical profession, should be attended gratuitously; but visits should not be obtruded officiously, as such civility may give rise to embarrassments, or interfere with that choice on which confidence depends. Distant members of the Faculty, when they request assistance, should be expected to defray the charges of travel, and such of the Clergy from abroad, as are enabled by their resources to make a reasonable remuneration for Medical services, are not more privileged than any other order of pa-

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NOTE.—The names of those who have sustained the office of President are inserted in Capitals. Those who have deceased, have an Asterisk (*) prefixed to their names. Those who have retired from the Society, are designated by the following character (†). Those who have left the State, by (‡).

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	WHEN E
Truman Abell, Lempster,		
Charles G. Adams, M. D. Keene,		
*Daniel Adams, M. D. Keene,		
DANIEL ADAMS, M. D. Mont-Vernon,		

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NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	WHEN ELECTED.
Robert Lane, M. D.	Sutton,	1821
Isaiah Lane, M. D.	Candia,	1825
*Ebenezer Lerner, M. D.	Hopkinton,	1800
Thomas Lindsey,	Wakefield,	1816
Moses Long, M. D.	Warner,	1816
*Philip M'Carrigain,	Concord,	1791
John M'Crillis,	Berwick, Maine,	1821
John B. M'Gregory,	Newport, M. D.	1822
Silas Merrill,	Andover,	1817
†Thomas H. Merrill,	Raymond,	1820
Samuel Morrill, M. D.	Concord,	1807
DAVID L. MORRILL, M. D.	Concord,	1815
Ebenezer Morse, M. D.	Walpole,	1820
Caleb Morse, A. B.	Moultonborough,	1814
John Morrison,	Alton,	1821
REUBEN D. MUSSEY, M. D.	Hanover,	1816
Daniel Mowe, M. D.	Sanbornton,	1825
†Moses Nichols,		1792
*James Odell,	Stratham,	1817
Daniel Oliver, M. D.	Hanover,	1821
†Kendall Osgood,	Peterborough,	1791
*William Page,	Charlestown,	1792
*Benjamin Page,	Exeter,	1791
*William Parker, Jr.	Exeter,	1791
†Benjamin Parker, M. D.	Concord,	1819
Benjamin C. Parker,	Acworth.	1820
Timothy Parkhurst,	Wilton,	1822
*Nathaniel Peabody, A. M.	Exeter,	1791
Thomas Peach,	Boscawen,	1826
†Cyrus Perkins, M. D.	Hanover,	1818
†James H. Pierrepont,	Portsmouth,	1809
Samuel Pray,	Rochester,	1816
William Prescott, M. D.	Gilmanton,	1818
John Preston, Jr.	A. B. New-Ipswich,	1791
John Proctor,	Epsom,	1818
John C. Prescott,	Gilford,	1825
John Ramsay, M. D.	Greenfield,	1820
*Thomas S. Ranney,	Brentwood,	1791
*Ebenezer Rockwood,	Wilton,	1791

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	WHEN ELECTED.
*John Rogers, M. D.	Boscawen,	1822
Richard Russell, M. D.	Wakefield,	1822
*Benjamin Row,	Kensington,	1801
Asahel D. Shurtleff, M. D.	Rindge,	1826
John S. Sanborn,	Meredith,	1822
Nathan Sanborn,	Henniker,	1822
Thomas Shannon,	Pittsfield,	1816
*NATHAN SMITH, M. D.	Hanover, (Note C.)	1791
Samuel Smith, M. D.	Bristol,	1821
William Smith,	Northwood,	1821
*Lyman Spalding, M. D.	Portsmouth,	1803
MATTHIAS SPALDING, M. D.	Amherst,	1809
*Matthias Spalding, Jr.	Milford,	1822
*James Stark, M. B.	Hopkinton,	1816
Jacob Straw,	Henniker,	1821
Jeremiah Stickney,	Antrim,	1825
*Harvey Studley,	Bradford,	1825
*Samuel Tenney,	Exeter,	1791
*William Tenney,	Loudon,	1820
Isaac Tukesbury,	Hampstead	
*Isaac Thom,	Londonderry,	1791
†Erastus Torrey,	M. B. Cornish,	1811
*Peter Tuttle,	Hancock,	1821
AMOS TWITCHELL, M. D.	Keene,	1811
Timothy Tilton,	Canaan,	1829
John Wallace, Jr.	Milford,	1820
Silas Walker,	Bedford,	1823
Samuel Webber, M. D.	Charlestown,	1825
Charles White, M. D.	Sandwich,	1821
Jacob Williams,	Gilmanton,	1828
†Andrew P. Wiggin,	Greenfield,	1820
Job Wilson, M. D.	Franklin,	1884
†Peter P. Woodbury,	Bedford, (Note D.)	1820
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HONORARY MEMBERS.

*Thomas Kittredge, M. D. Andover, Massachusetts,	1793
Oliver Prescott, M. D. Groton, Massachusetts,	1794
James Simms, M. D. London, England,	1808
*Edward Jenner, M. D. LL. D. Cheltenham, England,	1808
*David Ramsay, M. D. Charleston, South-Carolina,	1808
*Benjamin Rush, M. D. Philadelphia,	1808
*John Warren, M. D. Boston,	1808
Benjamin Waterhouse M. D. Cambridge, Massachusetts,	1808
*Samuel L. Mitchell, M. D. LL. D. New-York,	1808
Joshua Fisher, M. D. Beverly, Massachusetts,	1808
*E. A. Holyoke, M. D. LL. D. Salem, Massachusetts,	1808
Henry Wells, M. D. Montague, Massachusetts,	1808
*Caspar Wistar, M. D. Philadelphia,	1810
*Benjamin S. Barton, M. D. Philadelphia,	1810
Philip S. Physick, M. D. Philadelphia,	1810
John R. Coxe, M. D. Philadelphia,	1810
*John S. Dorsey, M. D. Philadelphia,	1810
*Wright Post, M. D. New-York,	1810
*Edward Miller, M. D. New-York,	1810
George Shattuck, M. D. A. A. S. Boston,	1811
John C. Warren, M. D. Boston,	1811
*John Gorham, M. D. Boston,	1811
William Ingalls, M. D. Boston,	1811
James Jackson, M. D. Boston,	1811
*Samuel Dexter, M. D. Boston,	1815
*Alexander Ramsay, M. D. Fryeburg, Maine,	1819
Jacob Bigelow, M. D. Boston,	1828
Eli Ives, M. D. New-Haven, Connecticut,	1828
David Hosack, M. D. New-York,	1828
Valentine Mott, M. D. New-York,	1828
John Augustine Smith, M. D. New-York,	1828
Joseph Smith, M. D. New-York,	1828
——— Delafield, M. D. New-York,	1828
John B. Beck. M. D. New-York,	1828
J. Romeyn Beck, M. D. Albany,	1828

NOTES.

(NOTE A.)

Dr. Brackett is deserving a more honorable notice by the New-Hampshire Medical Society, than simply the record of his name. He was one of its principal founders, and has been its most liberal benefactor. He was born at Greenland, N. H. in May, 1733—graduated at Harvard College in 1752—studied his profession under the direction of Dr. Clement Jackson, of Portsmouth, where he commenced and continued in practice until his death, which was on the 23d of June, 1802. He was elected an Honorary Member of the Massachusetts Medical Society in 1783, and was complimented by his Alma Mater with a Medical Doctorate in 1792. In 1793 he succeeded His Excellency, the late Josiah Bartlett, in the Presidency of the New-Hampshire Medical Society, and by repeated elections, continued in office until May, 1799, when, in consequence of his declining health, he resigned it. He had previously presented to the Society a valuable Library, consisting of about 150 volumes of well selected books, principally English publications. The Address presented him on his retiring from the Presidency, handsomely expresses the respectful acknowledgment of the Society for his liberal donation, and for his assiduous and unremitting attention to its interests. Dr. Brackett was a man of staunch integrity, sincere friendship, and great benevolence. Humanity was a most distinguished trait in his character. It should be recorded, that in his professional labors he was peculiarly kind to the poor, and never exacted a fee when he had reason to think its payment would occasion the smallest embarrassment.

(NOTE B.)

Dr. Dana was born at Amherst, N. H. 23d Sept. 1793. He was a descendant of some of the first settlers in Massachusetts. He graduated at Cambridge College in 1813—received a Medical Degree in 1817—and was soon after appointed a Professor

of Chemistry and Mineralogy at Dartmouth College. In 1826, he was chosen to the vacant chair of Chemistry in the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the University of New-York, where he removed with his family in November of that year ; and early in April following, he became affected with erisipelas upon the face, spreading to the brain. In five days from its first appearance, and in three from the time when it was considered any thing serious, closed his bright and brief career, at the early age of 33.

(NOTE C.)

Dr. Nathan Smith was born in Rehoboth, Mass. September 30, 1762. He first studied Physic with Dr. Josiah Goodhue, of Putney, Vt. He commenced the active duties of his profession at Cornish, N. H. There seemed to be nothing remarkable in his attainments in early life ; but previous to his death, which took place July 26, 1823, he had acquired great celebrity as a Lecturer, and Practitioner of Physic and Surgery, in New-England. He was particularly distinguished for his experience and skill in *Operative Surgery*. In him the energies of a vigorous mind were not excited to action till a late period in life ; when, by unremitted application and perseverance in the study and practice of Physic and Surgery, he rose from obscurity to eminence. He was the founder of the Medical Institution at Hanover, about 1793 ; and for several years the business of instruction in the various branches of Medicine and Surgery, as well as the auxiliary sciences, was performed by him. In 1813, he was appointed Professor in the Medical Institution of Yale College. From that time, till his death, he delivered an annual course of Lectures on the Theory and Practice of Physic and Surgery, to the class of Medical Students in Yale College. Since that period, he has also delivered one course of Lectures on the same branches at Dartmouth College ; one at the Vermont University, in Burlington, and two at the Institution of Brunswick College, in Maine. He was ever active in business, and extensively employed in the calls of the Profession. Many there are who have been his patients and pupils, that award to him the tribute of grateful remembrance, for the skill, benevolence, and assiduity with which he discharged the duties of his avocations for their benefit.

The following resolve, passed by the New-Hampshire Medical Society, June 3, 1829, shows in some degree the estimation of the merits of Dr. Smith, as regarded by the Society, viz. :

“ *Resolved*, That this Society entertain a deep sense of the loss the Medical Profession has sustained in the recent death

of Dr. Nathan Smith, formerly a President of this Society, and one of the most distinguished teachers and practitioners of the healing art, in its more important branches, which New-England has ever produced ; and that an Eulogy upon this eminent man be pronounced at the next annual meeting of the Society."

(NOTE D.)

The Secretary and Treasurer were appointed a Committee to ascertain whether those whose names are on the Society's catalogue have complied with the requisitions of the Society ; if not, to strike their names from the list.

By a careful examination of the Secretary's and Treasurer's books, it has been ascertained that there were thirty-five names of individuals, published in the former catalogue as Fellows of the New-Hampshire Medical Society, who have never paid an initiating fee, or annual tax ; consequently, their names have been omitted in the present edition of the By-Laws.

JUNE 1, 1831.—*Voted*, "That the Secretary procure three hundred printed copies of the By-Laws with the Alterations, at the expense of the Society, and that he furnish each member with a copy."

I hereby certify, that agreeably to the above vote, I have carefully examined the records ; noted, condensed, and embodied in the code of By-Laws, the purport of several votes and resolutions, such as were designed to operate as general rules, and inserted others entire, making no other alterations in the phraseology than what might seem necessary to avoid tautology. And although some inconsiderable errors may have been overlooked, the By-Laws, as now presented to the Fellows of the Society, are for the most part essentially correct.

Attest—

MOSES LONG, *Sec'ry.*

Warner, Feb. 18, 1832.

ERRATA.

Page 5, line 6, *for* in two newspapers, *read* two of the newspapers. Page 7, line 31, *for* on any subject, *read* on a subject. Page 8, line 43, *for* shall produce, *read* shall have produced. Page 13, line 45, *for* the country, *read* the county. Page 16, line 8, *for* Societies, *read* Secretaries.

