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AT THE
ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE
FELLOWS
OF THE

Connecticut Medical Society,

Holden at New-Haven, October 16th and 17th, 1805.

THE following Members were returned as Fellows from the several Counties—viz.—

Dis. *Howard Alden,	} Suffield,	} County of Hartford.	
John Bestor,			Simsbury,
Leonard Bacon,			Hartford,
Simeon Field,			Enfield,
Timothy Hall,			East-Hartford,
Do. Abraham Tomlinson,	} Milford,	} County of New-Haven.	
Levi Ives,			New-Haven,
Thomas Goodfell,			Woodbridge,
Joseph Foot,			North-Haven,
John Barker,			New-Haven,
Do. *Simon Wolcott,	} New-London,	} County of New-London.	
John R. Watrous,			Colchester,
John O. Miner,			Groton,
*Avery Downer,			Preston,
*Thomas Coit, Jun.			New-London,
Do. Hosea Hurlbert,	} Fairfield,	} County of Fairfield.	
*Bennett Perry,			Newtown,
Eli Perry,			Brookfield,
William Beard,			Reading,
Benjamin Curtis,			Newtown,
↳ None from Windham County.			
Do. Samuel Woodward,	} Torrington,	} County of Litchfield.	
Jesse Carrington,			Goshen,
Nathaniel Perry,			Woodbury,
Benjamin Welch,			Norfolk,
Gideon Woodruff,			Plymouth,
Do. Thomas Moseley,	} East-Haddam,	} County of Middlesex.	
Richard Ely,			Saybrook,
William B. Hall,			Middletown,

Drs. Jeremiah West, *Ruggles Carpenter, John S. Peters,	} Tolland, Ellington, Hebron,	} County of Tolland.
<i>N. B.—This mark [*] denotes absence.</i>		

The Officers chosen for the ensuing year, are—

JEREMIAH WEST,	<i>President.</i>
JARED POTTER,	<i>Vice-President.</i>
WILLIAM B. HALL,	<i>Treasurer.</i>
JOHN BARKER,	<i>Secretary.</i>

The following Members of the Medical Society, are chosen EXAMINING COMMITTEES in their respective Counties.

Drs. Leonard Bacon, John Bestor, Eli Todd,	} Hartford, Simsbury, Farmington,	} <i>Hartford County.</i> Timothy Hall, East- Hartford, <i>Clerk.</i>
Do. Joseph Foot, Thomas Goodfell, Eli Ives,	} North-Haven, Woodbridge, New-Haven,	} <i>New-Haven County.</i> Bela Farnham, East- Haven, <i>Clerk.</i>
Do. Avery Downer, John O. Miner, Thomas Coit, Jun.	} Preston, Groton, New-London,	} <i>New-London County.</i> John O. Miner, Gro- ton, <i>Clerk.</i>
Do. Bennett Perry, Gideon Shepherd, Joseph Trowbridge,	} Newtown, Danbury, Plainfield,	} <i>Fairfield County.</i> Willis Edson, <i>Clerk.</i>
Do. Siah Fuller, Thaddeus Clark, Joseph Palmer,	} Lebanon, Ashford, Torrington,	} <i>Windham County.</i> Unknown— <i>Clerk.</i>
Do. Samuel Woodward, Nathaniel Perry, Jesse Carrington,	} Woodbury, Goshen, Saybrook,	} <i>Litchfield County.</i> Benj. Welch, Nor- folk, <i>Clerk.</i>
Do. Elisha Mather, Smith Clark, Levi Ward,	} Haddam, Do.	} <i>Middlesex County.</i> Levi Ward, Haddam, <i>Clerk.</i>
Do. Nathan Howard, Ruggles Carpenter, John S. Peters,	} Ellington, Hebron,	} <i>Tolland County.</i> Ruggles Carpenter, Ellington, <i>Clerk.</i>

Upon a motion to take into consideration the conduct of Dr. Samuel H. P. Lee, in publishing to the public, that the Convention had, by restoring him to a reputable standing, by complying with a Bye-law now in force, given their sanction to his Pills,

Voted, That Dr. Field, Dr. Bestor, Dr. Bacon and Dr. Woodward, be a Committee to report upon the subject.

A Petition from Gideon Beardley, praying that the Bye-law requiring three years study, by a student who has not had a collegiate

education, may, so far as it respects him, be dispensed with, (he having been in college until his junior year) —

Voted, That the Bye-law, so far as it respects him, be dispensed with; and that he be admitted to an examination at the expiration of two years, from the time he commenced his medical studies.

Voted, That Doctors Levi Ives, John Barker, Eli Ives and Obediah Hotchkiss, be a Committee to examine all Dissertations in the Secretary's hands; and also, that the several County Clerks be requested to send to the Secretary such communications as are in their hands; from which said Committee are requested to select such pieces as they shall think suitable for publication, and report to the Convention in October next.

Voted, That the members of the Medical Society in this State, be requested to collect manuscript pieces, on medical subjects, and transmit the same to Doctors Levi Ives, John Barker, Obediah Hotchkiss and Eli Ives, that they may select for publication.

The following Report was read by the Committee, and approved by the Convention, concerning the conduct of Samuel H. P. Lee, in making use of their name, to give a currency to his Biliou Pills; and ordered to be printed in the *Connecticut Courant*.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Whereas the Medical Convention of this State, have noticed with disapprobation, sundry publications in several Newspapers in the United States, advertising the "New-London Biliou Pills," (so called) of Doctor Samuel H. P. Lee, as an invaluable medicine, in almost every disease incident to mankind, and palming the same upon the public, under the patronage of the Connecticut Medical Society; which advertisements, in the opinion of the Convention, are derogatory to its character, and calculated to impose on the public—matter therein stated being grossly incorrect: They therefore think proper to make the following statement of their proceedings relative to the said Lee's nostrum, at their Annual Convention in October last. "The Proprietor of the said nostrum having contravened a Bye-law of said Society, in vending his pills, was summoned to answer before the Convention, for a breach of its Bye-laws—he appeared—and in obedience to a Bye-law of the Convention, disclosed on oath, the ingredients of his composition, and by that mean avoided expulsion."

That the Convention ever solicited the Proprietor to reveal the secret, and approbated the composition after he had disclosed the same, is not true; but it is the opinion of the Convention, that an indiscriminate use of said Pills, are not adviseable: that in many of the cases in which they are recommended, they are inefficacious, and in others injurious: And as almost one seventh part of their composition is mercury; and as the Pill contains also, some other very active ingredients, the judgment of a discreet Physician is as necessary to determine the expediency of their exhibition, as almost any other medicine in use; instances having occurred, within the knowledge of some of the members of the Convention, where the use of them has occasioned salivation.

The several Printers who have given a place to those Advertisements in their Papers, are requested to publish this notification.

Whereas certain inconveniences have, and continually are arising from the Secretary's not having been sworn into office—Therefore,

Voted, That the Secretary be required to take an oath, to perform faithfully the duties of said office.—The following Oath was directed as a form :

You A. B. being chosen Secretary to the Connecticut Medical Society, do swear that you will record all votes of Convention, and give true copies of the same, when thereto requested ; and faithfully to perform all the duties relating to said office—So help you God.

Ordained by this Convention, That if any member of this Society shall make and vend any Nostrum, after the first day of January next, and being thereof convicted, shall be expelled the Society : any former Bye-law of this Convention to the contrary notwithstanding.

Resolved by this Convention, That the Treasurer be directed forthwith to call on the several County Clerks, for their returns, and payment of all arrearages of Taxes ; and all Examining Committees for fees for licencing Candidates ; and that the several County Clerks be directed to enforce their collections according to law.

Voted, That a tax of one dollar be laid on the respective members of the Medical Society.

Voted, That the Treasurer be directed to make payment of the debentures presented this day, by Mr. Gideons, from the estate of Doctor James Potter, as soon as money to the amount can be collected into the Treasury.

Voted, That the Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts, appointed last October, be continued.

Voted, To adjourn this Convention to the first Wednesday following the second Thursday in October next, then to meet at Mr. Asa Morgan's, Innkeeper in New-Haven.

(Test)

JOHN BARKER, *Secretary.*