



The following DISSERTATIONS were read, and THESES discussed in the Medical and Surgical Society of the University of the state of New-York, during the Winter of 1807---8.

### DISSERTATIONS,

ON DIABETES, *read by*  
 VACCINATION,  
 VENUS MERCENARIA,  
 BURSÆ MUCOSÆ,  
 HERNIA,  
 RACHITIS  
 OPTHALMIA,  
 CINCHONA,  
 BODILY AND MENTAL INFERI-  
 ORITY OF THE NEGRO, }  
 DEBILITY,  
 APOPLEXY  
 ABSCESS,  
 SYPHILIS.  
 CYNANCHÆ TRACHEALIS,

C. W. EDDY,  
 O. MATHER,  
 S. AKERLY,  
 H. SHERRILL,  
 C. W. EDDY,  
 J. WILLIAMS,  
 W. E. BURRELL,  
 I. SPIES,  
 I. FRANCIS,  
 I. NOTTINGHAM,  
 M. LITTELL,  
 THOMAS. E. STEELL,  
 I. TORREY,  
 B. YOUNG.

### THESES.

"Opium acts as a stimulus on the human body."  
 —Supported by Messrs. Torrey and Sherrill—Opposed by Eddy.

"Lues Venerea and Gonorrhœa are different Diseases."  
 —Supported by Messrs. Nottingham, Akerly and Torrey—Opposed by W. E. Burrell.

"Dropsey is not always a disease of debility."  
 —Supported by Messrs. Akerly and Williams—Opposed by Nottingham, Torrey and Mather.

"Circumcision, as practised by the ancient Jews, if considered in a medical light, and introduced among Christians, would relieve mankind from much misery."  
 —Supported by Messrs. Torrey and Williams—Opposed by Steell, Mather, Akerly and Burrell.

"Phthisis pulmonalis, is not always an incurable disease."  
 —Supported by Messrs. Mather and Littell—Opposed by Torrey and Akerly.

"In the Human System a retrograde action of the absorbent vessels takes place."  
 —Supported by W. E. Burrell—Opposed by Akerly and Nottingham.

"Life exists in a forced state."  
 —Supported by Messrs. Torrey, Sherrill and Burrell—Opposed by Akerly and Nottingham.

"The Study of Chemistry is a necessary branch of a Medical Education."  
 —Supported by Messrs. Williams, Burrell, Akerly and Nottingham—Opposed by Sherrill, Eddy and Mather.

"Peruvian Bark will always cure Intermittent Fevers."  
 —Supported by Messrs. Eddy and Mather—Opposed by Sherrill and Spies.

"Nosology is not an instructive guide in the treatment and cure of diseases."  
 —Supported by Messrs. Akerly and Eddy—Opposed by Burrell, Mather, Nottingham and D'Lamater.

"The Blood is endued with a living principle."  
 —Supported by Messrs. Nottingham and D'Lamater—Opposed by Eddy, Akerly and Burrell.

"Yellow Fever is not a contagious disease, but has a similar cause to that of many other fevers."  
 —Supported by Littell, Sherrill and Akerly—Opposed by Burrell, Torrey and Nottingham.

"The Spleen serves no purpose in Digestion."  
 Supported by I. Nottingham—Opposed by Burrell and Eddy.

"The efficient Cause of Menstruation is owing to both general and local Plethora."  
 —Supported by Messrs. Eddy, Sherrill and Burrell—Opposed by Mather and Nottingham.

"The Blood sent to the Fœtus in utero, is not oxygenated in the placenta, but is derived from the mother, ready oxygenated—Supported by Messrs. Sherrill and Burrell—Opposed by Nottingham and Williams.

"Inflammation is owing to a debility of the capillaries and small vessels, and an increased motion of the larger ones."  
 —Supported by Messrs. Mather and Littell—Opposed by Francis, Sherrill and Steell.

*Extract from the Minutes.*

*Per order.*

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