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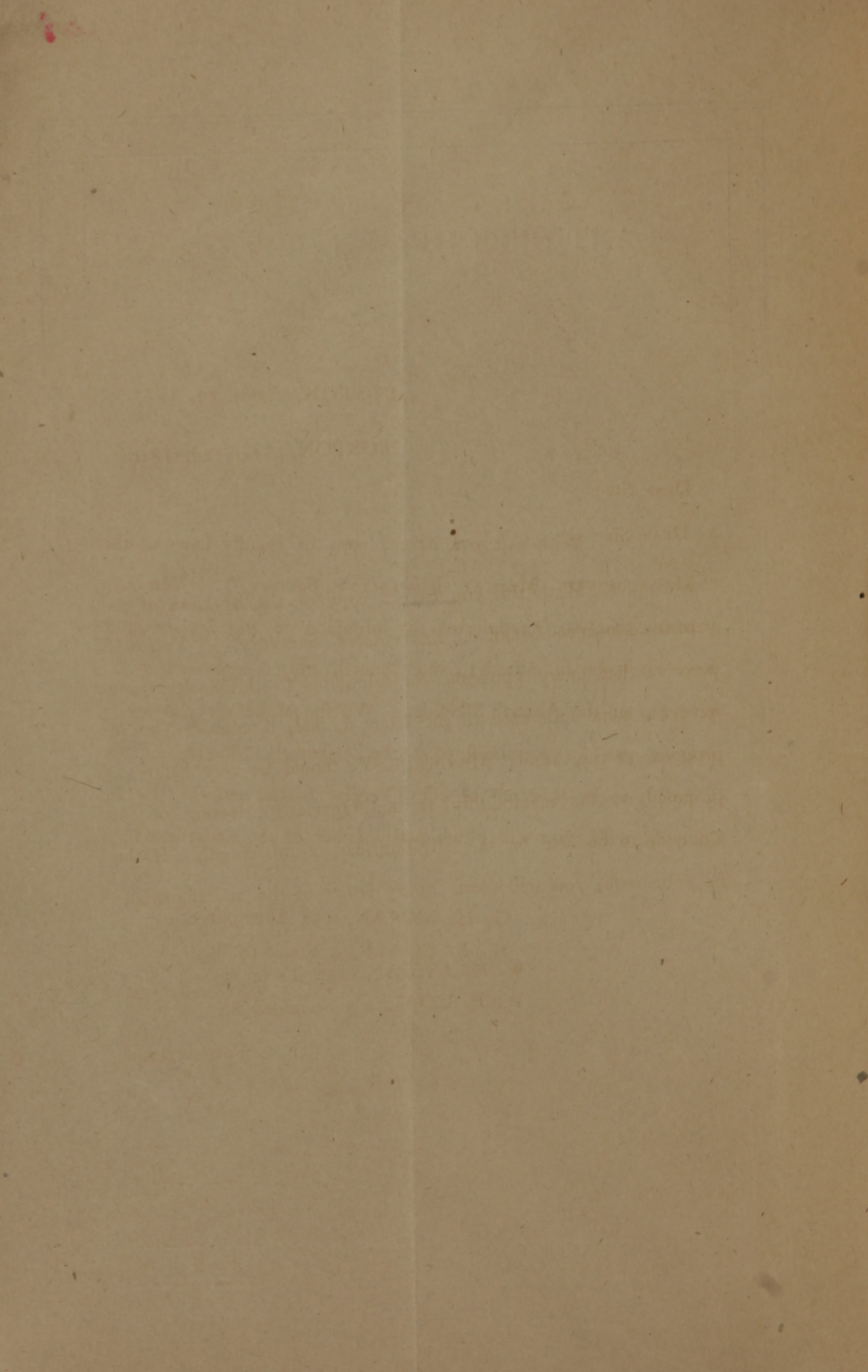


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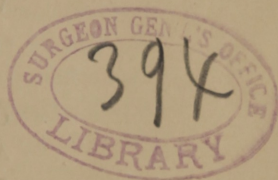
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### ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

WHEREAS, it sometimes happens that worthy members of the Medical Profession become reduced in circumstances, we, whose names are underwritten (all being residents of Massachusetts), do hereby associate ourselves as a body corporate, for the relief of such, especially, as become members of this Society, or of their families, should they need assistance ; and of such other members of the medical profession or their families as may be deemed by the Society suitable objects of its beneficence.

The name of this association shall be the "Massachusetts Medical Benevolent Society." It shall be located in the city of Boston.

### BY - L A W S .

#### MEMBERSHIP.

I. All persons admitted to this Society, shall, at the time of their admission, be members of the medical profession, or the wives or widows of such.

II. Persons desirous of becoming members, if nominated to the Council, and by them approved, shall be reported to the Society at the next annual meeting ; and the vote of a majority of the members present shall be requisite for admission.

III. Any member may withdraw from the Society upon paying all subscriptions due from him, and giving to the Secretary a written notice of his wish to withdraw.

A member shall forfeit the right of membership if his dues remain unpaid for thirty days after notice of delinquency from the Treasurer; unless excused from payment by the Council. But he may be restored to his privileges by the Council, upon payment of all arrearages, with interest thereon.

Any member shall forfeit the right of membership who in the opinion of three-fourths of the Council shall be deemed guilty of conduct unworthy and unbecoming an honorable physician and member of this Society.

IV. Each member shall sign an obligation promising to conform to the By-Laws of this Society; shall pay on admission three dollars; and two dollars annually thereafter, at or before the annual meeting.

If any member shall pay twenty-five dollars in one sum, or for the term of twenty years shall have paid his annual assessments, he shall be regarded as a life member, and at his option shall be exempt from all subsequent assessments.

V. The donation of fifty dollars or more at one time, shall entitle the donor to be inscribed among the Benefactors of the Society.

#### MEETINGS.

VI. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held on the last Thursday in July, at such hour and in such place within the city of Boston as the Council shall appoint. No other meetings of the Society shall be held, except as hereinafter provided. Twenty members shall constitute a quorum. No member shall vote by proxy. A majority of the members present shall decide all mat-

ters and questions, except such as relate to the abrogation of any of the By-Laws of the Society, in which case two-thirds of the members present shall concur.

At the Annual Meeting shall be chosen, by ballot, a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and nine Trustees.

These officers shall meet and act together as one Board, to be styled the Council. Of this Board, five members shall constitute a quorum.

#### OFFICERS.

VII. The President shall preside at meetings of the Society and the Council, and appoint Committees when not otherwise ordered by the meeting.

In his absence his duties shall devolve upon the Vice President.

VIII. The Secretary shall keep fair and true records of the doings of the Society and of the Council in a book or books, to be always open to the inspection of members. He shall notify the Treasurer of appropriations authorized by the Council, shall present at the Annual Meeting a list of all persons receiving aid from the Society during the year, and perform such other duties as may be required of him.

IX. Bond, with such surety as shall be satisfactory to the Council, shall be given by the Treasurer before he enters upon the duties of his office, conditioned to render just and true accounts when thereto required by the Council or the Society, to account for and deliver to any person or persons appointed to receive the same, all such property, effects, and evidences of debt, as shall have been entrusted to his keeping, and to perform all the duties of his office with fidelity and skill.

He shall pay all sums authorized by the Council, and shall present, at the annual meeting, a report of the state of the finances of the Society.

X. The Council shall meet on the last Thursdays in January, April, July and October, in the city of Boston. They may fill all vacancies which shall occur in their Board during the year. The President, or any three of the Council, shall have authority to call special meetings of the Council, or to convene the whole Society upon any business in which this charity may be interested, giving at least ten days notice of said meeting.

#### CARE OF FUNDS.

XI. The care of the funds and the distribution of the charities of the Society shall be committed exclusively to the Council, who shall have power, whenever they think proper, to invest any portion of surplus income as capital, and may, as occasion shall require, resume said additional capital and distribute it as income. All the receipts of the Society for five years from the time of its organization, shall be reserved as a Permanent Fund; and until this Fund shall amount to fifty thousand dollars, all sums received for life subscriptions, and all donations and legacies, when not otherwise directed by the donors, shall be added thereto, and be invested to the best advantage, and only the accruing interest distributed.

XII. Money belonging to the Society shall be loaned only upon note or obligation of the borrower with two sufficient sureties; or first mortgage upon productive real estate in the City of Boston, or of pledge of the debt, stock, or scrip of some town, city or county in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or of the debt, stock, or scrip of said Commonwealth, or of the United States, at a safe rate, not exceeding ninety per cent. of the par value.



And the Treasurer shall use his best endeavors to obtain payment of all debts which shall not be duly paid when by the contract they become payable, or security therefor.

XIII. No member of this Society shall, either as principal or surety, become a debtor to the Society for a loan of any of its funds or effects.

RELIEF.

XIV. The aid of this Institution shall be granted for the relief of those only who are or have been members of this Society, and their families; and of other members of the medical profession who are or have been inhabitants of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, their widows and minor children.

XV. Any member, who shall become a Benefactor of the Society, or the widow of any such member, shall be entitled to receive the interest of the sum thus given by him (but not the arrears of interest), as an annuity, whenever, and as long as his circumstances shall be such as to lead him to claim said annuity.

XVI. The income of the Permanent Fund shall be devoted, in the first place, to the payment of any annuities which may be allowed by the Council; and secondly, may be distributed, with other revenues of the Society, to suitable objects of relief, at the discretion of the Council, not exceeding thirty dollars at one time to one person. The total amount of annuities shall in no case exceed the income of the Permanent Fund.

XVII. No annuity shall be granted to any physician, or his widow, if they shall be under sixty years of age, except under peculiar circumstances. But annuities once voted shall not be withdrawn, except on account of misconduct in the recipient, or because this assistance is no

longer deemed necessary. All annuities shall be subject to annual revision by the Council.

XVIII. No permanent grant shall be made to a disabled physician who has, if single, \$250 a year, or if married, \$300 a year, to live upon.

XIX. No permanent grant shall be made to any party except upon proof of good moral character, and, if granted, it may at any time be withdrawn upon proof of intemperance, improvidence, or immorality; it being the intention of this Society to devote its funds to the relief of distress arising from misfortune and not from misconduct.

MODE OF APPLICATION FOR RELIEF.

XX. Any person applying for relief, must fully state the circumstances which render assistance necessary; and must be recommended, from personal knowledge, by two well-known medical men, one of whom must be a member of this Society.

ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS.

XXI. These By-Laws shall not be altered, unless the proposed alteration shall have been submitted to the Council and by them approved.

BOSTON, APRIL 2d, 1857.

DEAR SIR:

With this you have a copy of the By-Laws of the "MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL BENEVOLENT SOCIETY." You will perceive that every applicant for admission to this Society must have his name submitted to the Council, and, if approved by it, proposed at the Annual Meeting. We should be very happy to propose you for membership at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, to be held on the last Thursday of this month. If this be your wish, you will please notify either of the undersigned.

G. H. LYMAN, 152 Tremont St.,  
W. E. COALE, 4 Staniford St.,

COMMITTEE.





