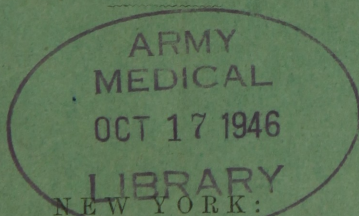


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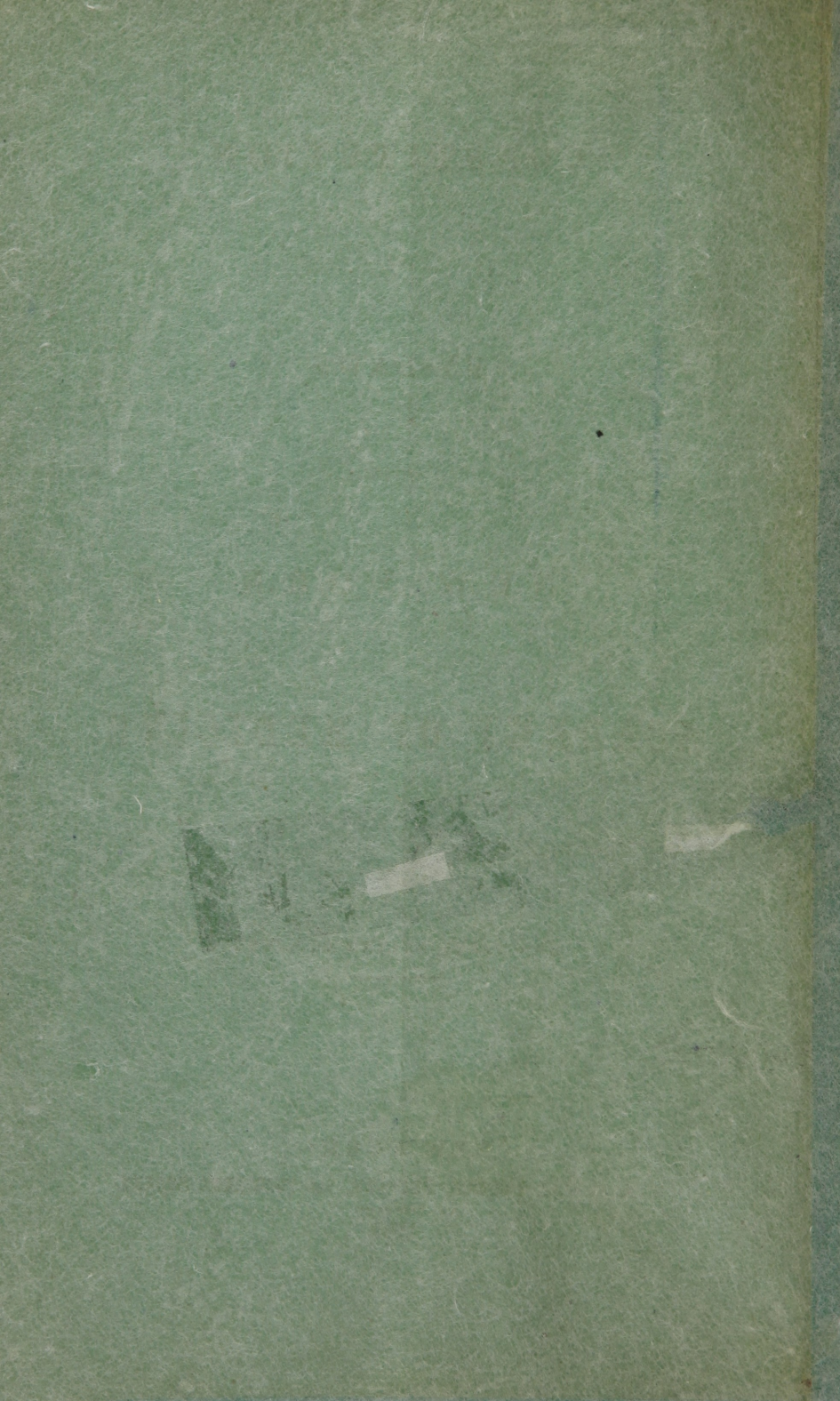
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CONSTITUTION.

ART. I.

THIS Association shall be called the NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE, and shall be composed of Resident, Non-Resident, Corresponding, and Honorary Fellows.

ART. II.

The objects of the Academy shall be:—

- First.* The cultivation and advancement of the Science of Medicine.
- Second.* The promotion of the character and honor of the Profession.
- Third.* The elevation of the standard of Medical Education.

ART. III.

Resident Fellows shall be regular practitioners of Medicine and Surgery in the City of New York and its vicinity; they shall be proposed in writing, at a stated meeting, by two Fellows, and may be elected by a majority vote at any meeting subsequent to the one at which they have been proposed. Any Resident Fellow removed permanently from the City or vicinity, without having resigned his Fellowship, shall be considered a Non-Resident Fellow, and enjoy all the privileges and immunities of a Corresponding Fellow. A residence of at least two years as a Practitioner in this City or its vicinity, shall be necessary to render an individual eligible to Resident Fellowship in the Academy.

ART. IV.

Corresponding and Honorary Fellows, having been proposed at least one month, shall be elected at a stated meeting, by a three-fourths vote of Fellows present, and then only upon the recommendation of the Committee on Admissions.

The number of Corresponding Fellows shall be limited to two hundred, and Honorary Fellows to fifty.

ART. V.

The officers of this Academy shall be a President, four Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, an Assistant Secretary, a Domestic Corresponding Secretary, a Foreign Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, Librarian, and seven Trustees; all of whom shall be elected by ballot and a majority vote, at the stated meeting in January, and shall hold their offices one year, and until others are chosen in their places.

No Fellow shall be eligible to the office of President for two successive terms.

ART. VI.

The following Standing Committees shall be elected annually, by ballot or otherwise, and, until others are chosen, perform such duties as may be assigned to them:—

1. A Committee on Admissions. 2. A Committee on Medical Ethics. 3. A Committee on Finance. 4. A Committee on Publication. 5. Scientific Committees, as follows:—1, Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathology; 2, Surgery and Surgical Pathology; 3, Theory and Practice, and Medical Pathology; 4, Materia Medica and Botany; 5, Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children; 6, Chemistry and Pharmacy; 7, Public Health and Legal Medicine.

These Committees shall consist of five members each, except the Scientific Committees, whose numbers shall be regulated from time to time by the Academy.

ART. VII.

§ 1. Every Fellow, desiring it, shall be furnished with a duly-authenticated certificate of Fellowship, which may be revoked for cause; and in case of refusal to surrender the same, the Academy may publish said revocation in the newspapers.

§ 2. Any Fellow, having complied with the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws, may resign his Fellowship, by presenting at a stated meeting a communication in writing to that effect.

§ 3. No resignation shall be valid until accepted by the Academy.

ART. VIII.

The Academy hereby reserves the right of punishing violations of its regulations, or its code of Medical Ethics, with the concurrent vote of four-fifths of the Fellows present at a stated meeting, by reprimand, suspension, or expulsion; and will recognise as a regular practitioner, no Fellow who has been expelled.

ART. IX.

No part of this Constitution shall be altered, except at a stated meeting subsequent to one at which a proposition to that effect shall have been made in writing, and then only by a four-fifths vote of the Resident Fellows present.

AN ACT

TO INCORPORATE THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE,

Passed June 23d, 1851.

THE people of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. J. Kearney Rodgers, James Anderson, Galen Carter, Willard Parker, John H. Griscom, Edward L. Beadle, Isaac Wood, James O. Pond, and John G. Adams, and such other persons as are now associated as the New York Academy of Medicine, or may hereafter become associated with them, are hereby constituted a body corporate, by the name of "*The New York Academy of Medicine*," for the purpose of promoting the advancement of Medical Science, by such means as to them shall appear expedient and proper.

Sec. 2. The said Corporation shall have power to make and adopt a constitution and by-laws, rules, and regulations for the admission, suspension, and expulsion of its members, and their government; the election of its officers, and define their duties; and for the safe keeping and protection of its property and funds, and, from time to time, to alter or repeal such constitution, by-laws, rules, and regulations. The present officers shall hold their respective offices, until others shall be chosen in their places.

Sec. 3. The said Corporation may purchase and hold any real or personal estate, the annual income of which shall not exceed five thousand dollars.

Sec. 4. The said Corporation shall possess the general powers, and be subject to the general restrictions and liabilities prescribed in the third title of the eighteenth chapter of the first part of the revised statutes.

Sec. 5. The Corporators, hereby incorporated, are authorized to appoint a delegate, to represent them in the State Medical Society, with all the powers and privileges which delegates for the respective Medical Colleges of this State possess.

Sec. 6. The Legislature may at any time alter or repeal this act.

State of New York, Secretary's Office.

[L. S.] I certify, that I have compared the foregoing with an original law on file in this office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said original.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at the City of Albany, this twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.

A. G. JOHNSON,
Dep. Sec. of State.

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I.—MEETINGS.

§ 1. The Stated Meetings of the Academy shall be held on the first Wednesday of every month, except when the first Wednesday is the first day of January or the fourth day of July; in which case, the meeting shall be held on the third Wednesday of those months.

§ 2. The Stated meetings in January, May, and September, shall be for the transaction of business not strictly professional or scientific, and the order of business arranged accordingly.

§ 3. The Stated meeting in November shall be the Anniversary meeting, at which an Oration shall be delivered.

§ 4. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President, upon the requisition in writing, of any ten Resident Fellows.

§ 5. At all meetings, twenty-one Resident Fellows shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

§ 6. The hour for holding stated meetings shall be : from April to October, 8 o'clock, P. M.; and from October to April, 7 o'clock, P. M.

II.—THE PRESIDENT

Shall preside over all meetings; regulate all debates; call for reports; summon extraordinary meetings on urgent occasions; sign all Diplomas, Letters-Testimonial, and other documents requiring his signature; appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; announce the result of all votes, and give the casting vote only; introduce all Corresponding, Non-Resident, and Honorary Fellows, or distinguished members of the profession who may be present; designate one or more Fellows to prepare suitable memoirs of deceased

members; and be, *ex-officio*, a member of all Standing Committees, and of the Board of Trustees.

III.—VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The Vice-Presidents shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence preside in the order of rank—the one receiving the greatest number of votes, being first, etc.; and in case of equality of votes, they shall rank by age.

IV.—RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Recording Secretary shall keep minutes of the proceedings of all meetings; notify officers and members of committees of their appointment and the duties required of them; sign diplomas, and certify to all official acts requiring certificates either in connection with or independently of the President, as the case may be; attest and affix the common seal to all Diplomas, Letters-Testimonial, and other documents requiring the seal of the Academy and signature of the President; transmit to the Committee on Admissions, all nominations for fellowship within one week after each stated meeting; receive the signatures and initiation-fees of newly elected members, and pay the same over to the Treasurer; be, *ex-officio*, a member of the Standing Committees and of the Board of Trustees; and transact such other business in his department as may be ordered by the Academy.

V.—ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

The Assistant Secretary shall keep a correct list, and issue notices of meetings to all Resident Fellows; call the roll at each meeting, and previous to every election prepare a list of those entitled to vote; assist the Recording Secretary in the discharge of his duties, and in his absence perform them.

VI.—DOMESTIC CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Domestic Corresponding Secretary shall take charge of, and conduct the correspondence of the Academy within the United States.

VII.—FOREIGN CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

The Foreign Corresponding Secretary shall take charge of, and conduct the foreign correspondence of the Academy.

VIII.—TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall receive and have the care and keeping of all moneys and funds belonging to the Academy; also all bequests and donations not of a literary or scientific character; pay all bills or sums of money directed by the Academy and endorsed by the Finance Committee, and none others; keep a correct account of all moneys received and expended; have power to employ a person to collect the annual assessments; give a statement of the funds of the Academy at the meeting in May and in September, and at the meeting in January a full and detailed report; have his books ready for inspection by the Finance Committee whenever they may require it; and deliver up, when legally called upon, all moneys, bonds, papers, books, etc., etc., belonging to the Academy, to his successor in office, or to any other person especially appointed to receive them.

IX.—LIBRARIAN.

The Librarian shall have charge of all books, pamphlets, manuscripts, anatomical or pathological specimens, apparatus, instruments, medals, coins, or scientific property of whatever kind, and affix to each donation the name of the donor; keep a catalogue; observe such rules as shall be prescribed for the regulation of his department, and render a full and detailed account of the condition thereof at least once a year, and oftener if required.

X.—TRUSTEES.

The Trustees shall provide suitable rooms for meetings and other necessary accommodations; have in charge the property of the Academy; superintend its general interests, and report annually at the stated meeting in January; hold meetings, and be subject to the same rules as the Standing Committees.

XI.—COMMITTEES.

§ 1. All Standing Committees shall meet at least once in each month, and keep regular minutes of their proceedings, which shall be recorded in suitable books provided for the purpose.

§ 2. They shall, in addition to such duties as are hereinafter assigned to them, respectively consider all matters particularly referred to them, and report thereon.

§ 3. When any member of a committee, or officer, shall fail to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the Academy, he may be dismissed from his office by a two-thirds vote; but no motion for dismissal shall be acted upon until the next stated meeting, prior to which the Recording Secretary shall notify the alleged delinquent of such motion.

§ 4. Every member of a committee, or Fellow, having funds or property belonging to the Academy, shall give up the same on demand, to the person authorized to receive it.

XII.—COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS.

The Committee on Admissions, upon receiving from the Recording Secretary the names of the candidates proposed for fellowship, shall make due inquiry, and report within three months such as may be deemed worthy an election; which report shall specify the source whence the nominees derived their diploma or license to practise, with the dates thereof; and should this committee fail to report within the time specified upon any nomination submitted to them, any Fellow having made such a nomination may renew the same directly to the Academy, and a vote shall be taken upon it; in this case, however, the affirmative vote of four-fifths of the members present, as ascertained by ballot, shall be requisite to ensure an election; and on the question being put, it shall be distinctly stated that the nomination has not been approved by the committee.

XIII.—COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL ETHICS.

The Committee on Medical Ethics shall hear all complaints of breach of etiquette, or violation of Medical Ethics,

on the part of any Fellow, and decide all questions of Medical Ethics submitted to it by the Academy. It shall, also, notify to appear before it, any Fellow of the Academy who shall be charged in writing with violating any of the provisions of the Constitution, a copy of such charge having been previously furnished him; his accuser being also cited to appear, the Committee shall proceed to take testimony and hear the defence, reserving its decision to be reported to the Academy at the next stated business meeting, when its action may be affirmed by a majority of the Fellows present; but the vote of three-fourths of those present shall be required to reverse the decision of the Committee. It shall also be the duty of this committee to endeavor to reclaim offenders before proceeding against them in manner and form.

XIV.—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee shall audit, and if correct, counter-sign all bills; examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer; superintend the financial concerns of the Academy, and make a full and detailed report of all matters committed to their charge, at the annual meeting in January, and oftener if required; and likewise at that meeting, recommend an assessment not exceeding three dollars a year upon each Resident Fellow, for the payment of current or contingent expenses.

XV.—COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Committee on Publication shall superintend the printing and publishing of all papers and volumes ordered by the Academy.

XVI.—SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEES.

The Scientific Committees shall bring before the Academy at its stated meetings, or as otherwise ordered, such matters as pertain to the several departments respectively assigned to them, as subjects for discussion or other action. They shall likewise examine and report on all papers, documents, instruments, apparatus, &c., submitted to them.

XVII.—ELECTIONS.

At every Election, an Inspector and two Tellers shall be appointed by the Chair to receive the ballots. The roll of Fellows entitled to vote shall then be called by the Assistant Secretary, and each Fellow as his name is called deposit his ballot; and when the poll is declared closed, no vote shall be received thereafter; but the Inspector and Tellers shall proceed to canvass the votes, and if no choice has been made, a new balloting shall forthwith take place; and at each succeeding one the name of the Candidate having the fewest votes shall be withdrawn.

Ballots enfolded in each other, blank votes, and votes cast for a Fellow not in regular nomination, shall be discarded.

XVIII.—FUNDS.

§ 1. The Securities, Investments, and Funds of the Academy shall not be disposed of or transferred in whole or in part, unless by a two-thirds vote at a stated meeting, of which notice shall have been given at a previous meeting; but bills, for current or contingent expenses, may be passed by a majority, at any stated meeting, without previous notice.

§ 2. No Loan of the Funds shall be made to private individuals. No Fellow, whose Fellowship has been vacated, shall have a right, title, or claim to any portion of the Funds or Property of the Academy.

XIX.—DUES.

All Assessments ordered by the Academy, shall be paid within the current fiscal year; and the Initiation Fee of One Dollar before signing the Constitution and By-Laws.

XX.—NOMINATIONS.

Nominations of Candidates for the Anniversary Orator and all other Officers, shall be made at the stated meeting in December.

XXI.—ETHICS.

No Fellow shall countenance, encourage, or patronize, by advertising, giving certificates, or in any other way whatever, an irregular practitioner, proprietor or vender of any nostrum, patent, or quack medicine.

[XXII.—SIGNING THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

§ 1. Every duly elected Resident Fellow shall affix his Signature to the Constitution and By-Laws within two months after his election; and in default thereof, said election shall be deemed void, unless a satisfactory excuse be given;—notwithstanding he may be re-nominated and re-elected.

§ 2. No one elected a Resident Fellow shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of Fellowship, until he shall have paid his Initiation Fee and signed the Constitution and By-Laws.

XXIII.—MISCELLANEOUS.

§ 1. Any Resident Fellow may invite his professional friends to attend the Meetings of the Academy; and all Fellows not Resident, distinguished Physicians, or invited Guests, present at a Meeting, shall be introduced to the President, and by him to the Academy, and their names entered on the minutes.

§ 2. Any Fellow may, through the Chair, call on other Fellows or upon invited Guests, for the expression of their views and opinions on subjects under consideration.

§ 3. A copy of every Oration, Memoir, or Medical Paper, read before the Academy, shall be kept in its Archives, by the Librarian, unless otherwise ordered. But no such paper shall be published, as having been delivered or read before the Academy, unless authorized by a vote at a stated meeting.

§ 4. All Memoirs of deceased Fellows shall be written upon paper of uniform size and quality, furnished by the Recording Secretary, and bound in successive volumes for future reference.

§ 5. An Official Catalogue of Fellows shall be published in manner and form when ordered by the Academy.

§ 6. Every Resident Fellow shall notify the Assistant Secretary of a change of residence as soon as practicable.

§ 7. All charges against Fellows of the Academy, for alleged infractions of its Rules and Regulations, or Breaches of Medical Ethics, shall be addressed to the Recording Secretary, under a sealed cover, with the words, "Charge against a Fellow," written upon it. The reception of such paper shall be announced to the Academy by the Secretary, who, after designating it by a number, shall hand the same over to the Committee on Medical Ethics.

§ 8. Any Act which unfavorably affects the character of the Medical Profession, shall be deemed a chargeable offence.

§ 9. All Scientific Papers or Translations read before the Academy, shall be referred to the Appropriate Scientific Committees.

XXIV.—RULES OF ORDER.

§ 1. The President shall take the chair precisely at the time appointed, and the Academy proceed to business in the following order, except at the stated Meetings in January, May, and September :—

1. Calling the Roll.
2. Reading the Minutes.
3. Report of Committee on Admission.
4. Election of New Members.
5. Reports of Scientific Committees in their order.
6. Reports by leave.
7. Reading of Papers and Discussions.
8. Reception of Professional and Scientific Intelligence.
9. Unfinished Business.
10. New Business.

§ 2. At the stated Meetings in January, May, and September, the order of business shall be as follows :—

1. Calling the Roll.
2. Reading the Minutes.

3. Report of Committee on Admission.
4. Election of New Members, Officers, and Committees.
5. Nomination of Resident, Corresponding, and Honorary Fellows.
6. Report of the Recording Secretary.
7. Report of Committee on Medical Ethics.
8. Report of Committee on Finance.
9. Report of Committee on Publication.
10. Report of Trustees.
11. Report of Domestic Corresponding Secretary.
12. Report of Foreign Corresponding Secretary.
13. Report of Treasurer.
14. Report of Librarian.
15. Reports of Special Committees by Seniority.
16. Reading of Papers and Discussions.
17. Reception of Professional and Scientific Intelligence.
18. Unfinished Business.
19. New Business.

§ 3. 1. No motion or resolution shall be considered unless seconded; nor question, unless stated by the President.

2. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received, but to adjourn; to lay on the table; for the previous question; to postpone; to refer; or to amend;—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are here arranged. The first three shall be decided without debate.

3. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be first taken on the highest number, the greatest sum, or longest time proposed.

4. Any Fellow may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

5. The yeas and nays on any question, when called for by five Fellows present, shall be taken without debate and recorded on the minutes.

6. After any question has been decided, except one of indefinite postponement, any two Fellows, who voted in the majority, may at the same or next stated meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof; without which no discussion shall be allowed.

7. Every Fellow shall have the privilege of speaking

once, on any question under consideration ; but not oftener, unless by permission of the Academy.

8. Any Fellow called to order while speaking, shall take his seat, and the debate be suspended until the point of order is settled.

9. All questions of order shall be decided by the Chair, subject to an appeal, which shall be determined by vote, without debate.

10. No motion shall be made while a Fellow is speaking ; and in all cases the mover must rise and address the Chair.

11. All resolutions and amendments shall be offered in writing when required.

12. All questions of order, not provided for by these rules, shall be determined by Parliamentary usages.

XXV.—ALTERATIONS OF BY-LAWS.

These By-Laws may be suspended by a three-fourths Vote at a stated Meeting ; and be repealed or amended by a similar vote, provided notice of the same has been given in writing at a previous stated Meeting.

