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The Association of Acting Assistant Surgeons of the U. S. Army.

ON the 12th of November, 1888, the Association of Acting Assistant Surgeons, U.S.A., was organized, and within a year was duly incorporated according to the laws of the United States. The Acting Assistant Surgeon has been a faithful and worthy worker for the good of the Army. He has suffered and toiled with little to encourage him, except the reward of the consciousness of a duty faithfully performed, and of valuable services to the sick and injured, rendered without adequate compensation. He has shared the dangers of war, he has faced death on the battlefield, and has endured all the hardships of camp and garrison life.

Actuated by the highest dictates of patriotism, he has left his home and lucrative practice to minister to those going forth to save our country in its time of peril.

IT IS well known that some of our most distinguished surgeons and physicians, living and dead, have held the position of Acting Assistant Surgeon.

Those familiar with the Army medical history of the frontier for the past twenty or thirty years will readily bear witness to the faithful and intelligent discharge of their duties by the Acting Assistant Surgeons of the U. S. A. In fort and in camp, on the long overland expedition, or in the Indian wars, these men have done their duty as faithfully and with the same professional efficacy as if they had been regularly commissioned officers. Indeed, if they have not borne the burden and heat of the day, certainly their honorable records deserve recognition and preservation.

A handsome volume of the Records of the Association has been published by the Salem Press Company. A beautiful memorial mural tablet has been made by the well known firm of J. & R. Lamb, and placed in the military chapel at Fort Leavenworth.

OUR FUTURE work will be directed to accomplish the following objects: "To make careful and well-managed efforts to obtain a better position; and to present a properly prepared 'petition,' signed by the Acting Assistant Surgeons, and endorsed by Assistant Surgeons, Surgeons and others who may favor the same, to the military committee of the next Congress, praying that Acting Assistant Surgeons of the army (now serving), many of whom have served long and faithfully, performing all the professional duties of commissioned surgeons, and many of whom are past the age permitting them to apply for examination for commissions as first lieutenants in the medical corps, be commissioned assistant surgeons, with the rank of second lieutenant of cavalry, not to be in line of promotion, the pay (that of second lieutenant), not to be increased and to be allowed forage for one horse; that at the expiration of the regular full term of service, or on account of disability, they be placed on the retired list of the Army."

THIS would be an act of tardy justice to men who have faithfully served and performed the duties of men whose pay is that of first lieutenants, captains and majors. Every man in the employ of the United States government should be entitled to justice, and in case of trouble with his superior officer, to a fair trial before being deprived of his position and means of support. As it is at present, an Acting Assistant Surgeon may be dismissed at any time, without the right to appeal for a trial, or to demand that ordinary justice be afforded him. The objects aimed at in this petition are honorable and just, and would in no degree conflict with discipline, or have other than a wholesome effect upon the medical corps in general.

APPPLICANTS for membership should send to the Recorder, as soon as convenient, their complete medical history, giving name in full, date and place of birth, date and place of graduation, date of appointment, medical service and stations, list of contributions to medical literature, inventions, etc., date of termination of service, professional positions held in civil life, present residence and address.

All information from friends concerning deceased Acting Assistant Surgeons will be gratefully received.

All past and present Acting Assistant Surgeons are cordially invited to become members of the Association.

The Insignia of the Association is the red cross of Geneva. It is suspended from the left breast by a red ribbon with white edges, emblematic of the red Geneva cross on the white arm band.

DESCRIPTION OF CROSS.—Obverse a Geneva red cross of red enamel of four arms. In the centre a monograph, 1888, the year of the organization of the A. A. A. S., and upon each arm a letter.

Reverse.—Plain Gold "*Vis Unita Fortior*," the motto of the Association. The rosette is in the form of a button made from the red and white ribbon of the Association. It is to be worn in the upper left hand button hole of coat on all occasions when the full insignia is not worn. The cross is worn on all occasions of ceremony or when the Association is in session or when the member is in uniform. It is never to be worn on the watch chain or loaned to anyone not a member.

THE SEAL of the A. A. A. S. is one and six-eighths of an inch in diameter. It consists of the Geneva cross, the emblem of military medical mercy which hundreds of Acting Assistant Surgeons have honorably won by their faithful care of the sick and wounded. Above and around the cross the words "*Vis Unita Fortior*," illustrating the efforts they have so faithfully made for justice, and the date 1888, the beginning of systematic efforts for official recognition. The seal is surrounded by a band upon which appears the legend in raised letters "Association of Act. Asst. Surgeons of the U. S. Army."

THE ENROLMENT fee is \$1.00.

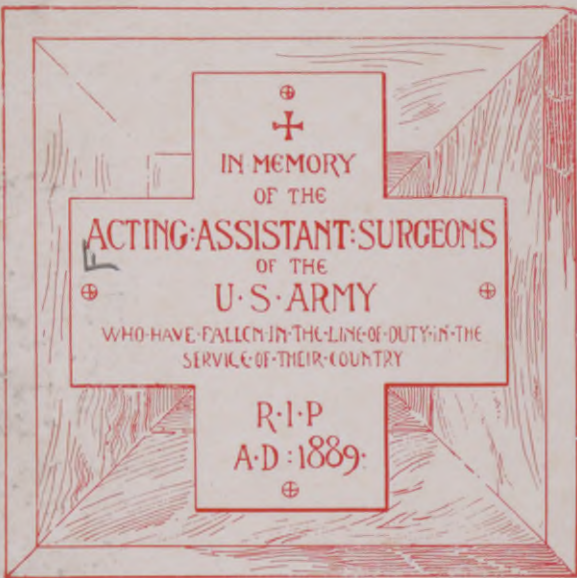
The yearly dues, \$1.00, payable to the Treasurer.

Copies of the Records can be obtained of the Salem Press Company, for \$1.50. Postage paid.

Rosettes are furnished by the Recorder at 35 cents each.

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