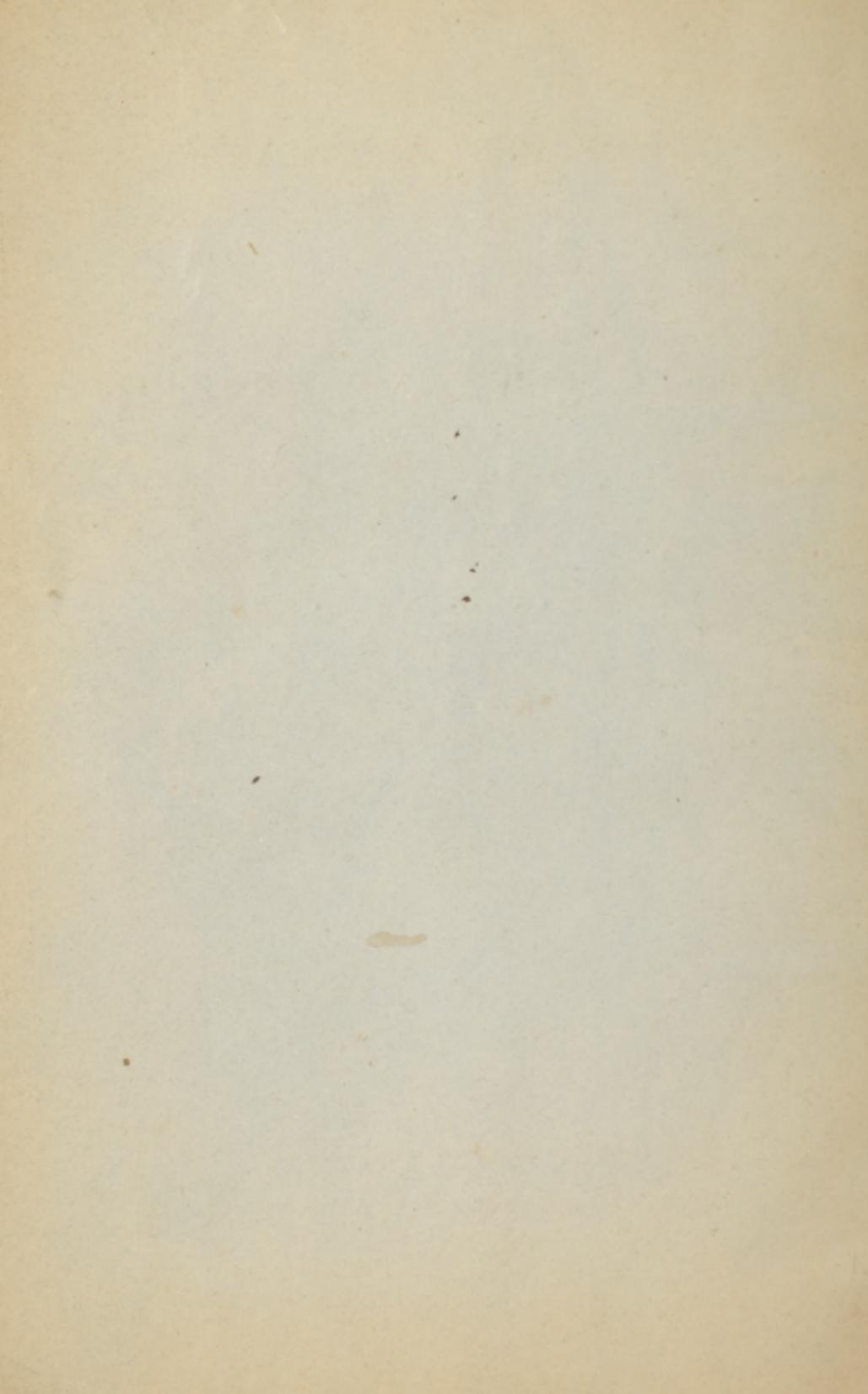


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## PREAMBLE.

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By the authority of, and in accordance with, an Act of the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the Medical Society of the State of Missouri, at St. Louis," approved the 25th day of January, 1837, the following Constitution and By-laws have, this 29th day of January, 1838, been adopted, and are hereby declared the Rules for the government of said Society.

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## CONSTITUTION

### OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI.

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#### ARTICLE I.

##### *Name.*

This Society shall be called and known by the name of the MEDICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI.

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#### ARTICLE II.

##### *Object.*

It shall confine its operations to the advancement of the medical and its collateral sciences in general, and to the improvement of the medical profession in the city of St. Louis, in particular.

## ARTICLE III.

*Division.*

It shall consist of three classes of members, to-wit: Senior, Junior and Honorary.

## ARTICLE IV.

*Officers.*

Its officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, and a Corresponding Secretary.

## ARTICLE V.

*Standing Committees.*

There shall be two Standing Committees of this Society, to-wit: a Committee on Elections, and a Committee on Publications.

## ARTICLE VI.

*Meetings.*

The meetings of this Society shall be known and designated, as Annual, Regular and Special.

## ARTICLE VII.

*Amendments.*

No amendment shall be made to this Constitution, without the consent of at least two-thirds of all the senior members.

# BY-LAWS

## OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI.

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### ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. An application for senior membership must be made to the Society at one of its regular meetings, either in writing, by the applicant himself, or verbally, by one of the senior members.

SEC. 2. The application for senior membership shall be referred to the Committee on Elections, who shall report thereon, at the earliest regular meeting thereafter, that circumstances will permit.

SEC. 3. The election for senior membership shall be by ballot, and no applicant shall be considered as elected, who shall not have received, at least three-fourths of the votes of the senior members present.

SEC. 4. Every senior member elect shall pay into the hands of the Treasurer the sum of three dollars, as admission fee.

SEC. 5. Honorary members may be proposed by any senior member, and may be elected at any meeting of the Society, provided two-thirds of the senior members present concur therein.

SEC. 6. A senior member, permanently removing his residence from this county, shall become thereby an honorary member.

SEC. 7. An applicant for junior membership must be a student of medicine at the time at which he is proposed to the Society, and shall require for his election, a majority of the votes of

the senior members present, and pay an entrance fee of two dollars.

SEC. 8. Neither honorary nor junior members shall have any title in any of the property of the Society, or be entitled to a vote.

SEC. 9. No person, holding any patent, or part thereof, for medicines, or secret remedies for diseases, or who shall, by publication in a newspaper or otherwise, announce his pretensions to superior qualifications in any particular disease or diseases, provided, however, that nothing herein mentioned shall be construed to affect any members who may be regularly employed in the Apothecary's business, shall be eligible as a member, or hold a seat in this Society.

SEC. 10. Any member infringing on the foregoing section, shall, upon proper evidence thereof, be expelled from the Society.

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## ARTICLE II.

### *Of Meetings.*

SECTION 1. The Annual meetings of this Society shall be on the day of the regular meeting in January.

SEC. 2. The Regular meetings of the Society shall be on the first and third Saturday of every month.

SEC. 3. A Special meeting may be at any time convened by the President, or by five senior members; provided, that notice thereof shall have been given, one day previously, in one or more newspapers.

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## ARTICLE III.

### *Of Business.*

SECTION 1. The meetings shall be opened by the President, or the Vice President, or, in the absence of both of these, by the calling of some one of the senior members to the chair.

SEC. 2. At all meetings, the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting shall have precedence of everything else.

SEC. 3. At the annual meeting, the officers of the preceding year shall make their report, and those for the current year be elected. But should no meeting be held, or election made on that day, the President, or the number of senior members, specified in article two, section three, of these By-Laws, may call a meeting therefor, and proceed therein.

SEC. 4. No officer shall be eligible to the same office for two terms consecutively; but in default of an election at the regular time, the officers of the preceding term shall perform their duties ad interim.

SEC. 5. The term of all the officers' duties shall be considered as commencing with the adjournment of the annual meeting; but their duties shall only commence with the next meeting after the one at which they were elected.

SEC. 6. Every election for officers shall be by ballot.

SEC. 7. After an election, the Recording Secretary shall give notice before the time of the next meeting to each of the officers elected, of their election.

SEC. 8. Vacancies in any of the offices may be filled at any regular meeting.

SEC. 9. Ten senior members shall constitute a quorum, at any meeting legally convened, and be authorized to transact all business that can come before such meetings; except for the purposes of the discussion of medical questions, or the reading of papers by members, when five may constitute a quorum.

SEC. 10. At regular meetings, after the reading of the minutes, the order of business shall be as follows, viz:

*First.* Reports of officers and committees and action thereon.

*Second.* Election of officers and members.

*Third.* Nomination of candidates for membership.

*Fourth.* Extraordinary business.

*Fifth.* Making oral or written communications.

*Sixth.* Discussion of communications.

*Seventh.* Proposing and discussing questions.

SEC. 11. At special meetings, the object for which the meeting was convened, shall, after the reading of the minutes, have the precedence of all other business.

SEC. 12. The presiding officer, in all cases not specially provided for, shall regulate the proceedings of every meeting according to the most approved parliamentary rules, but any member shall have the right of appealing to the Society, from the decisions of the Chair.

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#### ARTICLE IV.

##### *Of the President.*

SECTION 1. The presiding officer shall preserve order, regulate the proceedings of the Society, state and put questions; and in all cases where there is an equal division of votes, shall decide.

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#### ARTICLE V.

##### *Of the Vice-President.*

SECTION 1. The Vice-President shall exercise all duties appertaining to the office of President, in the absence of the latter from any meeting.

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#### ARTICLE VI.

##### *Of the Corresponding Secretary.*

SECTION 1. The Corresponding Secretary shall give notice to all members of their election, and he shall manage all matters, relating to the interests of the Society, requiring correspondence.

SEC. 2. He shall read to the Society all communications and replies which he may have made or received during the preceding recess, and then deliver them to the Recording Secretary, and he shall perform such other duties pertaining to his office, as the President or the Society may direct.

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## ARTICLE VII.

### *Of the Recording Secretary.*

SECTION 1. The Recording Secretary shall keep a fair record of all of the proceedings of this Society.

SEC. 2. He shall keep a correct list of all its members, and furnish the Corresponding Secretary with the names and places of residence, if necessary, of all newly elected members, and the time of their election.

SEC. 3. He shall keep in his possession all communications and other papers belonging to the Society, except during the time that they may be otherwise disposed of by the Society.

SEC. 4. All papers in possession of the Recording Secretary, shall be accessible to the members of the Society; but under no circumstances shall extracts be allowed from the records of the Society.

SEC. 5. The Recording Secretary shall furnish the chairman of each special committee that may be appointed, a list of the members of the committee, and record of minutes relating to their appointment.

SEC. 6. He shall perform all other duties now required by this Constitution and By-Laws, or any other assigned to him hereafter, appertaining to his office.

## ARTICLE VIII.

*Of the Treasurer.*

SECTION 1. The Treasurer shall collect all monies due the Society, and receive all pecuniary donations that may be made to it.

SEC. 2. He shall pay out such monies as he has in his possession, agreeably to the orders of the Society, certified by the officer presiding at the time the order was made.

SEC. 3. He shall keep a regular account of all monies received and paid by him, and make a report thereof at each annual meeting, or oftener, if required by the Society.

SEC. 4. He shall deliver up at the end of his term, or on vacating his office, to his successor, the books and all the papers belonging to the Society, together with the cash and other property that may be in his possession.

## ARTICLE IX.

*Of the Committee on Elections.*

SECTION 1. The Committee on Elections shall consist of seven members.

SEC. 2. They shall be elected at the time of the annual elections, under the following titles, viz:

An Examiner on Anatomy.

An Examiner on Physiology.

An Examiner on Surgery.

An Examiner on Theory and Practice of Medicine.

An Examiner on Materia Medica.

An Examiner on Obstetrics.

An Examiner on Chemistry.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Elections,

to examine into and report upon the moral and professional qualifications of persons applying for senior membership.

SEC. 4. Every applicant for senior membership, who does not present satisfactory evidence of being a graduate in some respectable Medical Institution, shall submit to an examination by the Committee on Elections.

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## ARTICLE X.

### *Of the Committee on Publications.*

SECTION 1. The Committee on Publications shall consist of three members, and shall be elected at the time of the annual elections.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Publications, to receive the communications made to the Society, and select from them such as they may deem worthy of publication, and report the same.

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## ARTICLE XI.

### *Of Communications.*

SECTION 1. At each regular meeting, any member may volunteer to read a communication, or lecture, at the succeeding meeting; and if no member shall thus volunteer, the President, or any member, may suggest some medical subject to be discussed at said meeting.

SEC. 2. It will be in order to discuss the said communication as soon as it shall have been made.

SEC. 3. A copy of each paper, after having been read to the Society, shall be delivered to the chairman of the Committee on Publications.

## ARTICLE XII.

*Of Ayes and Nays.*

SECTION 1. The ayes and nays, on any subject on which the Society may have decided to take a question, shall be recorded, when demanded by one-third of the members present, entitled to vote thereon.

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## ARTICLE XIII.

*Of Contributions.*

SECTION 1. The annual contribution of each senior and junior member shall be three dollars, payable annually.

SEC. 2. Any member two years in arrears, and who shall refuse to pay upon application made to him by the Treasurer, shall forfeit his right of membership in this Society.

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## ARTICLE XIV.

*Of Certificates of Membership.*

SECTION 1. The Society may issue a certificate of membership to each of its members, under such regulations as may be deemed necessary.

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## ARTICLE XV.

*Of Resignations.*

SECTION 1. Any member may withdraw from the Society, on presenting a written resignation, accompanied by the Treasurer's receipt for his dues.

## ARTICLE XVI.

*Of Expulsions.*

SECTION 1. Any member, who shall be guilty of any gross misconduct, either as a member of this Society, or as a member of the medical profession, or as a private citizen, shall be liable to expulsion, or such other censure as the Society may approve.

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## ARTICLE XVII.

*Of Amendments.*

SECTION 1. No amendment shall be made to these By-Laws, without the concurrence of a majority of the senior members.



CODE

EXTRACT FROM THE RECORD BOOK

1850

MEDICAL ETHICS,

ADOPTED BY THE

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI;

JUNE, 1850,

WITH A

FEE BILL.

EXTRACT FROM THE RECORD BOOK,

June 18th, 1850.

WHEREAS, it is desirable, that the members of the Medical Society of Missouri, adopt a Code of Medical Ethics as the standard by which to regulate their intercourse with each other, with their patients, and with the community at large; AND WHEREAS, it is expedient, that the Medical profession in the United States should be governed by the same Code, *Therefore,*

*Resolved,* That we adopt, as our own, the Code of Medical Ethics recommended by the American Medical Association, held at Philadelphia, in May, 1847, and that the same be binding on each and every member of this Society — that it be published with our Constitution and By-Laws, and that all violations or infractions of the duties and principles therein set forth, shall be dealt with as in the case of a violation of any other law of this Society.