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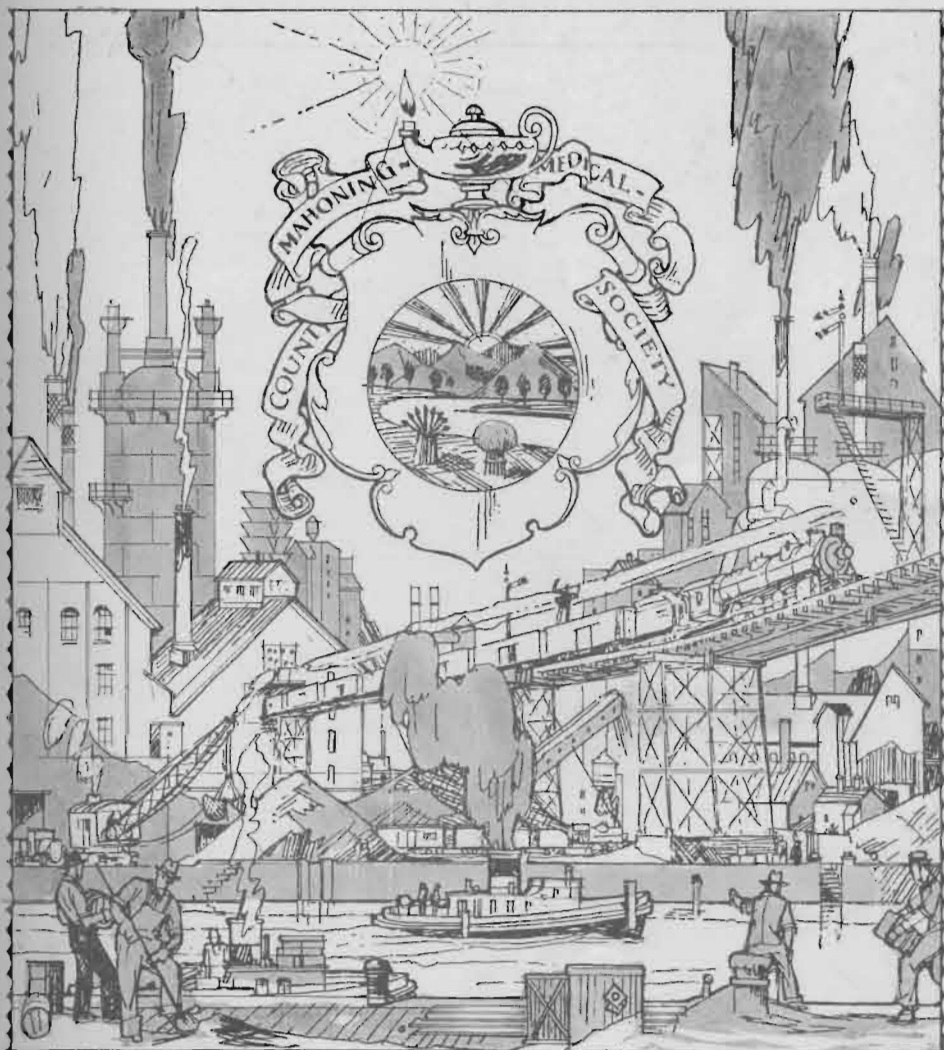
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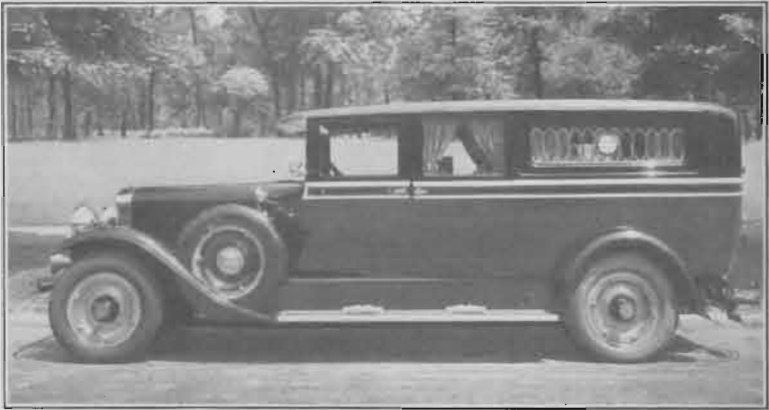
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The President's Page

So much to do, so little accomplished, and so short a time until the close of the year, expresses my feelings exactly as I sit down to write this page.

As with those before me, I realize more and more the increasing necessity of an executive secretary, if we are to continue to progress as we should. Why stand still? To do so in an organization is to go back, and certainly we do not want to do that. While we are studying and working for others let us do something for ourselves. The time is here definitely to go ahead on the program of establishing a central medical office with a paid secretary. We should start now so that when and as times pick up we will have a going concern *of our own under our own control* working for us and us alone, the benefits from which will be manifold for each and every one. Won't you give this matter serious thought and consideration?

A. E. BRANT.

Regular Monthly Meeting Tuesday, September 20

Youngstown Club — 8:15 P. M.

SPEAKER: DR. MEREDITH F. CAMPBELL

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Bellevue Hospital and Babies Hospital of New
York.*

Subject: Chronic Urinary Infections in Infants
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Coming in October

Sixth District Meeting

Afternoon Scientific Session — Dinner

In the evening the members of the Sixth District will be the guests of the Mahoning County Medical Society to hear

DR. THOMAS McCRAE

Professor of Medicine, Jefferson Medical College
Detailed Program in the October Bulletin.

Annual Meeting of the Fifth District

Allen Memorial Medical Library—Cleveland, Ohio.

Friday, September 16

PROGRAM

11:00 A. M.

Diagnosis of Pulmonary Tuberculosis

J. C. Placak, M. D., Cleveland

Diagnostic Errors in Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Richard Dexter, M. D., Cleveland

Medical Management of Pulmonary Tuberculosis

R. C. McKay, M. D., Cleveland

2:00 P. M.

Surgical Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis

S. O. Freeland, M. D., Cleveland

Tuberculosis in Infancy and Childhood

H. J. Gerstenberger, M. D., Cleveland

and H. S. Reichle, M. D., Cleveland

Anemia of Pregnancy

V. C. Rowland, M. D., Cleveland

4:00 P. M.

Neurological Manifestations of Pernicious Anemia

M. A. Blankenhorn, M. D., Cleveland

Treatment of Pernicious Anemia

R. H. McDonald, M. D., Cleveland

Treatment of Secondary Anemia

R. D. Leas M. D., Cleveland

8:15 P. M.

Introduction and Welcome

Harry G. Sloan, M. D.

President The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland

Greetings from the Ohio State Medical Association

H. M. Platter, M. D.

President The Ohio State Medical Association

Practical Points in the Diagnosis and Therapy of

Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Gerald B. Webb, M. D., Colorado Springs

Secretary's Report

DR. W. M. SKIPP

This is the time of the year when apparently society business is lax. There is a general opinion that no business is being carried on by the Council or the different committees appointed by our President, but to the contrary, there is plenty of work being done. Your Council has met at least once a week since the first of August, with three meetings the second week. Due to the stress of times we are attempting as you all know, to shoulder part of the burden of caring for our unfortunate sick, this is nothing new, we have been doing this for generations, and will continue to do the same. Meetings that have been held since the last report from this office, have been in relation to medical relief of this type.

Our President has worked hard, long and earnestly to get a plan formulated that will aid the city patients and attending doctors.

The special meeting of August 15th, 1932, was well attended and the subject of the evening was well discussed by all those present. It is a satisfaction to the officers to know that our members are at last thinking and doing the things that will aid us to improve conditions in general. Also that we let it be known that we refuse to be down-trodden in the future as we have in the past, that we have plans and opinions that will work and that we can make these plans function, if we move as a body.

The special committee appointed by the president, consisting of himself, The Youngstown Health Commissioner, (Dr. Beight), and myself, have held meetings with the Visiting Nurses, Allied Council, and the Mahoning Drug Club. These organizations have agreed to co-operate with us so that we can aid the City financially and relieve it of some of the care of the unfortunate people who are sick. This will throw more work on us, but it is no more than we have been doing for the public for generations. The organizations that we have consulted with have shown a wonderful spirit of co-operation.

The central office has not been forgotten in the hurry and work of the past month. We are attempting to get some plan that will work, for we do need a central office badly.

Dr. Beard has been confined to the Cleveland Clinic Hospital and to the North Side Unit, as a result of a head injury that he sustained when he fell from his horse August 25th, 1932. He should be back to his work in a few days.

We grieve with Dr. Schnurrenberger in the loss of his wife. The membership extends him heart felt sympathy.

Dr. Beers is improving, but is still confined to his home.

The annual picnic of the society was held August 18th, 1932 at Mrs. John Heberding's Indian Creek Farm. There were some ninety present, and an enjoyable afternoon was spent. In the evening a wonderful meal was served of lots of corn and chicken with all the trimmings. Let's have some more, Dr. Smeltzer and committee.

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POLIOMYELITIS WARNING

During this season of the year, physicians should be alert to recognize cases of poliomyelitis in the preparalytic stage so that appropriate treatment may be rendered. Many cases do not develop paralysis and may go unrecognized, acting as contacts for other healthy children.

At the recent New Orleans Session of the American Medical Association, a Special Poliomyelitis Committee was formed. This committee has been active in assembling all the available information on the disease, and recommends early diagnosis in the first or second stages followed by specific treatment with human blood serum, preferably from persons who have had the disease within five years.

It would be a valuable service to the community for this Society to begin preparations now for depots for convalescent serum so that this treatment may be available without delay when the time comes.

School days to us mean pre-school examinations, diphtheria immunization and vaccination. Let us keep impressing upon the parents in the families we visit that every child before entering school is entitled to protection against disease by having his physical defects corrected and by immunization against at least two infectious diseases. Many parents will bring their children to the physician's office for vaccination but will let the rest go because at least part will be done at school without cost. When the child reaches the office, there is the physician's opportunity to do a little examining, to talk over the child's condition with the parents, and show them by actual demonstration the difference between an examination in the private office and one in school under the mass production system. Whether this extra service is paid for or not, it is good missionary work, and no one ever lost out by doing extra work provided it was good work.

The Bulletin announces that it has a new Assistant Editor in the person of John Clair Vance, Jr., born August 26, 1932.

THE OLD MINUTES

SOME ASPECTS OF MEDICAL SCIENCE IN THE SEVENTIES

In the early days of the Mahoning County Medical Society a portion of every meeting was given over to scientific discussions. This was handled as follows: each member was assigned a topic, which he had to work up and present at a future meeting. There was a good variety of subjects to choose from and non-performance on the part of the essayist carried with it a fine of two dollars. Human nature being what it is, the essayist usually postponed work on his paper until the eleventh hour, and in absence of a good excuse, reported that he was not quite ready, and paid his fine with a variable amount of grace. These fines, incidentally, formed the chief source of revenue of the society whose average cash balance ranged between ten and fifteen dollars. When an essay was available the scientific program consisted of a discussion of unusual and interesting cases. Case reports were apparently in order at any time, since they are to be found, in abstract, in practically every meeting report. We have chosen excerpts from the first few meetings, not at all for the purpose of being facetious, but rather to illustrate some current medical methods of that day. We hope that sixty years hence, posterity will regard some of our practices with the same good humored levity as we do those of our predecessors.

April 2, 1873.

... Dr. Starr read a paper on cerebrospinal meningitis supplemented by a report of a case in his own practice. Dr. J. E. Woodbridge, after hearing the report, stated that in his opinion it was not a true case of meningitis but an "essential fever." These cases, he said are best treated with the sulfides and subnitrites. Every member present expressed his views on the subject. Quinine, opium, bromides of potassium and cathartics were advised . . .

August 6, 1873.

... Dr. Starr proceeded with a report on cholera infantum, giving a pretty general view of the subject. Dr. McCurdy gave his views on the same subject, rejecting the use of catechu and kino and extolling Hydr. Chlor. Mit. in $\frac{1}{4}$ gr. doses frequently repeated. He thought that where stupor and paralysis occurred it was owing to the effusion on the brain and into the ventricles of "scerums" analogous to that passed by the bowels, and not having any outlet for the time being, produced compression . . .

Dec. 3, 1873.

... Dr. Sawyer reported an interesting case of opium poisoning treated by baths and flagellation. He was confirmed by Dr. McCurdy and others in discrediting the attributed virtues of belladonna as an antidote . . .

... The chair called attention to the epidemic of diphtheria in our midst and the discussion became general as to particular phases of the treatment of this malady, as also of croup and other membranous inflammations . . .

Feb. 4, 1874.

... Dr. Cunningham, the essayist for the evening, read a paper on scarlet fever. The reader quoted authorities for the noncontagiousness of this malady, which was accepted by him; which in the discussion of the paper was not accepted by the society. The reader favored the application of cold water to the surfaces of



scarlet fever patients. In the discussion which followed Dr. McCurdy also very warmly advocated the use of ice and ice water to the cutaneous surfaces of scarlet fever patients. Dr. Whelan narrated a case in which, he believed, the eruption was prevented from appearing on account of a cool bath, which the little patient indulged in while in the stage of incubation.

. . . Dr. McCurdy made a report of four cases of measles occurring in his own family and stated that in two cases he had given the sulphite of soda very energetically, with view of prophylaxis, or, at least, cutting short the attack, but, he believed, with no good results . . .

April 8, 1874.

. . . Dr. Mathews, the essayist, read a paper on erysipelas. The reader did not think erysipelas contagious; in this not agreeing with the majority present. . .

. . . Dr. T. Woodbridge reported a case of puerperal convulsions, in which he safely delivered the child. The patient however, though the convulsions ceased died in a few hours. Dr. Mathews reported a case of puerperal fever. (We wonder if his theory of non contagiousness of erysipelas had anything to do with this case). Dr. Buechner reported several cases of puerperal fever. Dr. Fowler having come in at this time also reported a case in which he supposed bloodletting "done" good.

Dr. Buechner reported a case of scarlatina treated successfully by administering large doses of wine when "feaver" was at its highest. Also recommended the use of leeches to the throat to reduce swelling. Advocated the use of veratrum in pneumonia. . .

July 13, 1874.

. . . The essayist, Dr. Cunningham, next reported. He gave the etiology and symptoms of the disease. (The name of the disease is not given; to any reader who can guess it, the editor will give as a prize an autographed male bougie). He claims it to be of ancient origin, and is a specific disease. His treatment embraces the following: salts of potash, tartar emetic, warm baths, and mild laxatives in recent cases. In the first stages does not use injections; moderation in diet and abstinence from women and wine. Dr. McCurdy believes that copaiba and cubebs have a positive curative action. He spoke of one case successfully treated with electricity, and another in which he failed. L. S. D.

Medical Gleanings

We note with regret the death of Dr. Wm. S. Bond of Hubbard, Ohio, on August eighth. Dr. Bond in his seventy-first year had served the people of Hubbard for forty-two years faithfully and well.

Dr. Claude B. Norris addressed the Lawrence County Medical Society at New Castle, September first on "The Management of Ordinary Skin Diseases."

Dr. D. A. Gross is back with us for a while and we are glad to see him making such favorable progress.

At the July meeting of the Ohio State Medical Board, the license of Paul H. Strand, Youngstown Chiropractor was suspended for three months on charges of grossly unprofessional and dishonest conduct in connection with extravagant advertising.

The following doctors have been granted licenses to practice: Morris J. Rosenblum, Walter J. Tymochko, Bertram F. Averbach, Samuel Schwebel all of Youngstown and John E. Longnecker of Poland.

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(We will continue this article in next month's issue)

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Contemporary Review

The material rewards that come to the doctor are necessary, but as he goes on through life he finds that the spiritual rewards are equal if not greater. The satisfaction of increasing his medical knowledge and general culture year by year is something that cannot be taken away from him. The realization that he is doing a good work, and contributing to the relief of the afflicted, and bringing a little more happiness into the lives of others is a consideration that money itself cannot buy.

Finally, one of the greatest joys of the doctor's life is the association and companionship of his medical friends. Happy indeed may the doctor be who has earned the affection and esteem of his fellows.—*Bulletin of the Pierce County Medical Society (Tacoma, Wash.)*

ITEMIZED BILLS

Bills that are not itemized often create resentment in the minds of patients and frequently raise the question as to the validity of the charges made for services. These two factors mitigate against prompt payment of the account in question and are responsible in no small measure for disagreements between patient and doctor.—*Bulletin of the Wayne Co. Medical Society (Detroit)*.

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The Milwaukee Medical Times

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	Cases
Chickenpox	5
Diphtheria	1
Measles	5
Scarlet Fever	11
Smallpox	2
Whooping Cough	29
Epidemic Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	1
Enteritis	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1
Typhoid Fever	3
Syphilis	1
Mumps	1
Bronchopneumonia	1
Tuberculosis	4
Total Cases	66

MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL REPORT

August, 1932

Smallpox Cases	2
Syphilis-Positive	3
Syphilis-Negative	7
Total	12

The report of contagious diseases for the City of Youngstown for the month of August is most gratifying showing a total of only 66, of which 29 were due to whooping cough.

The Municipal Hospital shows an increase of only one case over the previous month and of these cases only two were smallpox.

It should be borne in mind that the schools will soon open again. Every effort possible should be made to see that all children are carefully watched to prevent the outbreak or spread of any contagious disease.

Vaccination against smallpox, and immunization against typhoid fever and diphtheria should be insisted upon by all physicians. C. H. BEIGHT, M. D.

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S. Q. Laypius Observes:

No, prosperity has not been approaching the corner. This was a misprint. Coroner was the word.

School is now starting and, among other things, children will be taught to save their money and to invest wisely.

We understand that the new \$50,000 swimming-pool will soon be closed for about seven months. But many persons will no doubt hungrily admire it anyhow.

I feel so relieved. I've always feared that someone would forget to notify the Presidential candidates that they had been nominated.

It seems there's another walker on the sidewalks of New York now.

A sense of humor would be a great asset these days if one could find some use for it.

A new radio station in Canada is appreciated. The music consisted of so many liquid notes.

Talk about eclipses! A little too much "moon" has blotted out many a son before now.

This modern automobile lacquer is a wonderful thing. It's all that has prevented my car from falling apart.

Many physicians have stopped dispensing entirely—they have nothing left to dispense.