

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION FOR COMMENCING THE STUDY OF MEDICINE.—One of the most important and encouraging signs of the times, is the increased attention given to the general education of those proposing to study medicine. A considerable number of local, and some of the State, medical societies have adopted recently regulations which, if faithfully executed by their members, will do very much to practically elevate the character and usefulness of the profession, and in a direction where it is most needed. That part of the second resolution in the following series embraced within quotation marks was adopted by the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania at the annual meeting in May, 1883; and the whole series were adopted by the Trumbull County (Ohio), Medical Society at its regular meeting, January 31, 1884, as follows:

Resolved, 1.—That this Medical Society shall annually elect a board of Medical Examiners, to consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine applicants for admission to the study of medicine.

Resolved, 2.—All applicants for admission as students of medicine under the tuition of members of this Society shall present themselves before the Board of Medical Examiners and satisfactorily pass examination in the following requirements:

I.—A written statement, previously prepared, setting forth the candidate's course of study.

II.—An essay.

III.—Writing from dictation.

IV.—Spelling—Oral and Written.

V.—Reading.

VI.—Geography—Descriptive, Physical.

VII.—Political Economy.

VIII.—History—Ancient, Modern.

IX.—Geology.

X.—Botany.

XI.—Chemistry.

XII.—Natural Philosophy.

XIII.—Mathematics—Arithmetic complete;
Algebra, through quadratic equations;
Geometry, through plane geometry.

XIV.—Languages—English, standard school edition of
English Grammar;
Latin, Cæsar's Com., 4; Virgil, 4;
Cicero's Orations, 2;
Greek, the Reader; Gospels;
Xenophon's Anabasis, 2."

Candidates for examination may elect in French, Keetle's Collegiate Course in French, Composition, Translation and Reading, and Lacombe's History

of the French People, instead of Cæsar's Com., Virgil and Cicero's Orations; and in German, Whitney's German Grammar, Composition, Translation and Reading, Schiller's Willheim Tell and Goethe's Faust, instead of the Greek Reader, Gospels and Xenophon's Anabasis, but such elementary knowledge of Latin and Greek will be required as to enable the candidate to intelligently comprehend the etymology of medical terms derived therefrom.

Resolved, 3.—No member of this Society shall receive any person as a student of medicine unless he present a favorable certificate from the Board of Med. Examiners.

Resolved, 4.—The time of study required by members of this Society shall be five (5) years including lectures.

Resolved, 5.—Members of this Society shall recommend their students to attend only such medical colleges as either require an examination for admission similar to the one required by this Society, or make the full three-years' graded course of study obligatory for graduation therefrom, and otherwise endeavor to elevate the standard of medical education.

Resolved, 6.—That this Society requests the Ohio State Medical Society to adopt the foregoing schedule of requirements and to use its influence to secure legislation making the same obligatory upon persons entering their names as students of medicine in the State of Ohio.

Resolved, 7.—That these resolutions be printed and a copy sent to each Medical Society in this State with the request that they early report their action thereon.

CORRECTION.

EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION:

I am informed by my friend Dr. Mundé, that I was mistaken in attributing to him two deaths following the operation of trachelorrhaphy in my article on that subject published in your journal February 23 last. His only death out of 125 cases occurred two weeks after he operated from septic peritonitis. I must have seen it mentioned in two different journals and thus fallen into the error committed.

I take pleasure in making the correction..

Very truly yours,

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