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NEW MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND THE JOURNAL.—We have received a few letters from new members or those who first acquired membership by attending, as delegates, the recent meeting of the Association in Washington, manifesting some impatience because they had not immediately commenced receiving the JOURNAL. We wish to state for the benefit of all parties that the editor and publisher are entirely dependent upon the Permanent Secretary for the minutes or official record of proceeding of each annual meeting; and upon the Treasurer for the names and addresses of all members, new or old, who are entitled to the JOURNAL from having paid their annual dues or membership fees.

The number of new members at Washington was unusually large, and to separate the new names from the old, the whole registration list must be carefully compared with the previous roll of paying members, requiring no little time and patience on the part of the Treasurer. When he had completed his work, and forwarded the names and addresses of between four and five hundred new members to this office, a considerable number of them were found to have been taking the JOURNAL as subscribers, and consequently their names were already on the mailing list. To prevent duplicating these, necessitated a close comparison of the new list with the mailing books throughout. These necessary preliminaries were not completed until the first week in June, during which the JOURNAL was mailed to nearly all the new members, although their regular Journal year will not commence until the first number in July, which begins

the third volume. For it must be remembered that the membership fees for 1883 paid for volumes one and two, commencing July 1, 1883, and ending June 30, 1884; and the dues for 1884 pay for volumes three and four commencing July 1, 1884, and ending June 30, 1885. Consequently all numbers sent to new members between the time of the annual meeting and the first of July will be gratuitous, or in excess of their regular Journal year, during which they will have the two volumes, for which they pay, complete with title-page and full index for each.

THE HOSPITAL COLLEGE OF MEDICINE OF LOUISVILLE, KY.—This institution, which constitutes the Medical Department of Central University, held its regular annual commencement exercises on the evening of May 29, 1884, and conferred the degree of M.L. upon thirty-one candidates. The valedictory address in behalf of the Faculty was delivered by Prof. Dudley S. Reynolds, who, with many other items, gave the class the following good advice: "You should join the medical societies to which you are eligible. Comparison of experience and interchange of opinions strengthen and enlarge your views of practice. Publish all your particularly interesting observations and experiences for the benefit of your brethren." And he should have added, "keep a faithful record of all acute cases of disease, especially in reference to date of beginning, apparent etiological conditions, and results of treatment." Such a record commenced in the beginning of professional life, begets a habit of closer observation, greater accuracy of knowledge, and furnishes a storehouse of facts capable of correcting many erroneous general impressions made by the popular sentiments and doctrines everywhere surrounding the practitioners of the healing art. It was also announced that hereafter a moderate standard of general education will be required of all new applicants for admission to the courses of medical instruction in the college.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.—The detailed report of the Treasurer of the American Medical Association, which should have been included in the Secretary's minutes of the recent annual meeting, will be found in another part of this number of the JOURNAL. It was unintentionally omitted from the minutes as furnished at the proper time.

MEMBERSHIP DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.—Under the head of Miscellaneous matter will be found a standing official notice on this subject by the Treasurer. As there stated, all membership dues should