

ASSOCIATION NEWS.

The Philadelphia Meeting.

It has been necessary to make certain minor changes in regard to the various places for Section meetings and also concerning the different hotels which have been placed upon the list by the sub-committee on Reception and Accommodation, of which Dr. de Schweinitz is Chairman. In order that this corrected list of meeting places and hotels may be in the hands of every member of the ASSOCIATION we republish it below.

All persons desiring to register at the meeting, if not delegates or permanent members, must bring certificates of membership and good standing in their State or County Medical Society.

The General Sessions will be held in the Main Auditorium of the Academy of Music, Broad and Locust Streets at 10 A.M. and close at 1 P.M.

Headquarters, Hotel Walton, Broad and Spruce Streets.

Registration Office in the lower corridor of Horticultural Hall, Broad Street below Locust.

Post Office in the outer vestibule of Horticultural Hall.

The Bureau of Registration and Post Office will open May 31st, at 1 P.M.

THE SECTIONS MEET AT 9 A.M. AND 3 P.M.

Practice of Medicine in the Broad Street Theater.

Surgery and Anatomy in the lower hall of Horticultural Hall. Obstetrics and Diseases of Women in the Main Auditorium of Beth-Eden Church, corner of Broad and Spruce Streets.

Neurology and Medical Jurisprudence in the hall 1415 Locust Street, third floor, rear.

Ophthalmology in the northeast Banquet Room, tenth floor, Hotel Walton, Broad and Locust Streets.

Laryngology and Otology, Hall 1415 Locust Street, fourth floor, rear.

Materia Medica and Pharmacy, Hall 1415 Locust Street, third floor, front.

Diseases of Children, Hall 1415 Locust Street, second floor, rear.

State Medicine, Hall 1415 Locust Street, fourth floor, front. Dermatology and Syphilography in the Foyer of Horticultural Hall.

Physiology and Dietetics in the Banquet Hall of Hotel Stenton, Broad and Spruce Streets.

Dental and Oral Surgery in Parlor D, Hotel Walton.

COMMITTEE ROOMS.

The Executive or Business Committee in Parlor C, Hotel Walton.

The Judicial Council in the Ladies' Lower Parlor of the Academy of Music.

The Trustees in the Ladies' Upper Parlor of the Academy of Music.

The Nominating Committee in the Central Room, Hotel Walton, Broad and Locust Streets.

RATES QUOTED BY HOTELS TO DELEGATES OF AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, JUNE, 1897.

Hotel Walton, Broad and Locust Streets: \$3.00 and upward per day, European plan only.

The Colonnade, 15th and Chestnut Streets: \$1 and upward per day, European plan; \$3 and upward per day, American plan.

The Lafayette, Broad and Chestnut Streets: \$1 and upward per day, European plan; Table d'Hôte: breakfast 25c, to \$1; luncheon, 75c.; dinner \$1.25.

The Bingham House, 11th and Market Streets: \$2.50 and upward per day, strictly on the American plan.

Hotel Stenton, Broad and Spruce Streets: \$2 and upward per day, European plan; \$4 and upward per day, American plan.

The Continental, 9th and Chestnut Streets: \$3 and upward per day, strictly on the American plan.

The Windsor, 11th and Filbert Streets: \$1 and upward per day, European plan; \$2 per day, American plan.

The Stratford, Broad and Walnut Streets: \$1 and upward per day, European plan only.

Girard House, 9th and Chestnut Streets: \$2.25 to \$3 per day, strictly on the American plan.

Hotel Hanover, 12th and Arch Streets: \$2.50 per day, strictly on the American plan.

Aldine Hotel, Chestnut Street above 19th: special rates to members of the AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, \$2.50 per day on American plan; \$1 to \$3 on the European plan.

The price quoted in each instance is for one person only. Rooms commanding only the lowest price are naturally limited in number. It is especially desirable that each member intending to be present at the meeting shall personally, or by letter, make his arrangement with the hotel at which he desires to stop.

Department of Public Health.—There will be a meeting of the Special Committee on "The Department of Public Health," at the Hotel Walton, Philadelphia, at 8 o'clock, P.M., Monday May 31, 1897.

U. O. B. WINGATE, M.D.

Chairman of Committee.

Executive or Business Committee.—The first meeting of this Committee will be held in Parlor C, Hotel Walton, cor. Broad and Locust Streets, Philadelphia, on Monday May 31, 1897, at 5:30 p.m. Subsequent meetings will be held at the same place and hour, unless otherwise ordered by the committee, for the consideration of matters referred to it by the ASSOCIATION, and for the transaction of business.

L. DUNCAN BULKLEY, M.D.,

Secretary of Committee.

BOOK NOTICES.

Diseases of the Eye, and Ophthalmology. A handbook for physicians and students. By Dr. A. EUGEN FICK, University of Zurich. Authorized translation by ALBERT E. HALE, A.M., M.D. Philadelphia: P. Blakiston & Co. 1896.

We have at the present time a number of such excellent works on ophthalmology by American authors that we should not think it worth while the trouble of translating a foreign work unless it possess some particularly striking merit to distinguish it from our home productions.

But this book can not lay any claim to such distinction. The phraseology is often very ambiguous; as for instance, in the explanation of the shadow-test, of which we have seen far better descriptions in American works.

The information on some of the more important diseases is very defective. To illustrate, in the treatment of granular conjunctivitis the author recommends the excision of the folds, which operation has long since been abandoned as irrational; but no mention is made of the expression of the trachoma follicles, though this method is recognized, in this country at least, as the most efficient treatment.

The only operation for entropion described in detail is the obsolete method of Gaillard's sutures, which the author himself pronounces useless; for he says: "I have seen so many failures after Gaillard's operation that I have abandoned the method."

But the most unsatisfactory part of the book is the treatment of the anomalies of refraction and the ocular muscles. It is evident the author does not lay as much importance upon accurate refraction work as American oculists do, nor does he seem to recognize the far-reaching influence of refraction and muscular errors upon the nervous system, for which conclusive proofs have been furnished by thousands of clinical observations in this country. The majority of American oculists we are sure, will seriously hesitate to regard as a trustworthy guide for physicians and students a book which contains statements like this: "Young persons with slight hyperopia (up to 2 D) can usually see well both near and far objects. They need no treatment."

Catarrhal Diseases of the Respiratory Passages. By J. M. G. CARTER. Pages 135. Chicago: E. H. Colgrove. 1895.

This condensed treatise on catarrhal diseases of the respiratory passages is a well written and interesting essay rather than a text-book, and practitioners will find it good reading, containing many valuable ideas and pleasing theories. The chapter on catarrhal rhinitis and pharyngitis is the consideration of the subject from the standpoint of the intelligent general practitioner, and the conclusions drawn from a large experience are both valuable and interesting.