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Appendix 1

New York Academy of Medicine Section of Orthopaedic Surgery Minutes of meetings, 1886 - 1900, containing the New York Orthopaedic Society Minutes, 1884 - 1886.

New York Orthopaedic Society Minutes 1884-1886

The New York Orthopaedic Society

A meeting of gentlemen interested in Orthopaedic Surgery was held at the residence of Dr. V. P. Gibney, 23 Park Ave., New York on the evening of December [no date] 1884 to discuss the question of organizing an "orthopaedic society." There were present Drs. V. P. Gibney, N.M. Shaffer, W. T. Bull, A. B. Judson, J. D. Bryant, J. A. Wyeth, L. M. Yale and L.H. Sayre. A letter was read from Dr. Louis A. Sayre regretting his inability to be present on account of illness, and promising his hearty cooperation with the society. On motion Dr. N. M. Shaffer was appointed Chairman, and Dr. Louis H., Sayre, Secretary of the meeting.

After the object of the present meeting had been stated by Dr. Shaffer, who described several preliminary meetings of Drs. Bull, Gibney and himself, it was moved by Dr. Bryant, and seconded, that we do now form an orthopaedic society. Carried. Moved and seconded that a set of bye-laws, which had previously been drawn up by Drs. Bull, Gibney and Shaffer, be read by sections for discussion and approval. Carried.

Moved and seconded that a Committee on Organization be appointed, to consist of Drs. Bull, Shaffer, Gibney and L. H. Sayre. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Com. on Organization be empowered to write medical men, interested in the subject of orthopaedics to be present at the next meeting. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Com. on Organization report at the next meeting as to the most suitable manner of reporting the transactions of the Society and publishing the same. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Com. on Organization be empowered to call a meeting of the Society at such time as they may be ready to make this report. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the thanks of the members present are due Dr. V. P. Gibney for the interest he has taken in the formation of the Society and for the great aid he has given toward accomplishing the desired result. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the members present be requested to send the names of proposed members to the Com. on Organization within 48 hours. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the members present sympathize with Dr. Louis A. Sayre in his long illness and trust that he may soon be restored to health and be able to join with the other

members of the society at their future meetings. Carried.

The meeting then adjourned.
(L. H. Sayre Sec. pro tem)

[Dec.] 17, 1884

The first meeting of the New York Orthopaedic Society was held at 214 E. 34th St. on Wednesday, December 17th, 1884. The meeting was called to order by Dr. V. P. Gibney, Chairman, at 8:30 P.M. The provisional secretary, Dr. L. H. Sayre, being unavoidably absent, Dr. T. L. Stedman was, on motion, appointed secretary pro tempore. The following named gentlemen were present: Drs. H. W. Berg, W. T. Bull, E. Develin, V. P. Gibney, S. Ketch, J. F. Ridlon, R. H. Sayre, C. P. R. Schoenemann, N.M. Shaffer, T. L. Stedman, C. F. Stillman, C. F. Taylor, H. L. Taylor and J. M. Woodbury. Letters were received from Drs. J. D. Bryant, M. J. Roberts and L. M. Yale, of New York, and A. S. Roberts, of Philadelphia, regretting their inability to be present, and signifying their desire to become members of the Society; and one from Dr. T. H. Burchard declining the invitation sent him to join in the formation of the Society. The following named gentlemen were reported as having signified their desire of becoming members: Drs. W. S. Halsted, L. W. Hubbard, A. B. Judson, L. A. Sayre, L. H. Sayre, T. H. White and J. A. Wyeth, of New York, and DeForest Willard of Philadelphia. Making a total proposed membership of twenty-six (26).

Dr. Bull reported on behalf of the Committee on Organization that a set of by-laws had been drafted and would now be submitted to the Society for approval or amendment. The by-laws were then considered seriatim, and, after amendment of certain sections, were adopted.

Moved and seconded that the first regular (annual) meeting of the Society be held on the last Thursday of January 1885. Carried.

Dr. Berg was notified by the Chairman that, as his name was first in alphabetical order, he would be expected to present a paper on that occasion. Dr. Berg asked to be excused from preparing a paper on such short notice and on motion it was resolved that the by-laws be suspended so as to permit the excuse being granted.

The chairman announced that Dr. Judson had a paper on an orthopaedic subject ready for publication, and it was moved and seconded that he be invited to read that paper at the next meeting. Carried.

The chairman announced that the election of officers would be held at the January meeting.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three (3) be appointed to make nominations. After some discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

The society then on motion adjourned to meet at 24 East 34th Street on Thursday, January 29, 1885.

Thos. L Stedman, Sec'y pro tem

Jan. 29, 1885

The first annual meeting of the N. Y. Orthopaedic Society was held at 214 E. 34 St. on Thursday,

January 29th, 1885. The meeting was called to order at 8:20 P.M. by Dr. V. P. Gibney, acting

chairman. There were sixteen members present. Dr. C. F. Taylor presented two cases of Talipes – one treated by tenotomy and the other without. Dr. L. H. Sayre presented a case of Spinal Caries with suppurative osteitis of hip – recovery. Dr. A. B. Judson then read the paper of the evening on “The Management of the Abscesses of Hip Disease.” The discussion was participated in by Drs. Stephen Smith, H. L. Taylor, C. F. Taylor, J. F. Ridlon, J. A. Wyeth, S. Ketch, H. W. Berg, V. P. Gibney, M. J. Roberts, C. T. Poore and W. T. Bull. The Society then went into executive session for the election of officers to serve for the ensuing year. The following were unanimously elected: President, Dr. V. P. Gibney; Vice-President, Dr. A. B. Judson; Secretary, Dr. T. L. Stedman; Treasurer, Dr. W. T. Bull. On motion the Society then adjourned.

Thos. L. Stedman, Secy

Feb. 17, 1885 Ex. Com.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the N.Y. Orthopaedic Society was held at 23 Park Ave. on Tuesday, February 17th, 1885 at 8 o'clock P.M. Dr. Gibney, President, in the chair. The president stated that the special business of the meeting was to consider what practical measures could be taken to insure the publicity of the transactions of the Society. It had been ascertained that none of the medical editors in the city was willing to publish full and regular reports of the meetings. It was therefore decided that it should be left to the reader of the paper of the evening to make such arrangements as he could with some of the weekly journals for the publication of his paper and of the discussion upon it. It was further determined that the stenographic report of each meeting should be presented to the executive committee to be condensed and revised for publication and that each speaker should be given an opportunity to be present in order to make such correction in the report of his remarks as he desired.

The committee then adjourned subject to the call of the president.

Thos. L. Stedman, Sec'y

Feb. 26, 1885

A stated meeting of the N.Y. Orthopaedic Society was held at 214 E. 34 St. on Thursday, Feb'y 26, 1885. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M., Dr. Gibney, Pres't in the chair. 16 members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Dr. W. T. Bull was unable to be present but sent a case of Dupuytren's contraction of the palmar fascia operated upon in one hand by open section and in the other by subcutaneous incisions.

Dr. N. M. Shaffer then read the paper of the evening entitled “Non-Deforming Club Foot, with Remarks on Pathology and Treatmen.” The paper was discussed by Drs. A. Jacobi, E. C. Seguin, L. H. Sayre, H. W. Berg, A. B. Judson and M. J. Roberts. The time for adjournment being now reached, and a motion to extend the limit being lost, Dr. Shaffer was called upon to close the discussion.

The meeting then adjourned.
Thom. L. Stedman, Sec'y.

Mar. 18/85

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the N.Y. Orthopaedic Society was held at 23 Park Ave. on Wednesday, March 18, 1885 at 9 P.M. The various interests of the society were discussed, but no special business was transacted.

T.L.S.

March 26/85

A stated meeting of the N.Y.O.S. was held at 214 East 34 St. on Thursday, March 26, 1885. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M., Dr. V. P. Gibney, Pres't. in the chair. 14 members were present.

Dr. J. A. Wyeth presented some cases showing the results of operation in hallux valgus, and also exhibited the saw used by him in this and similar operations.

Dr. L. H. Sayre presented a patient with outward luxation of the patella, recurring on flexion of the knee, but not interfering with normal motion of the joint.

Dr. M. J. Roberts exhibited two cases of knee joint disease treated by elastic traction.

Dr. J. D. Bryant then read the paper of the evening entitled "Excision of the Knee Joint for Chronic Disease." The discussion was participated in by Drs. A. S. Roberts, M. J. Roberts, C. K. Briddon, L. S. Pilcher and J. A. Wyeth.

The Society on motion adjourned.
Thos. L. Stedman, Sec'y.

April 22/85 Ex. Com.

A meeting of the executive committee was held at the residence of Dr. Gibney, 23 Park Ave., on Wednesday, April 22nd, 1885 at 5 o'clock P.M. No business of importance was transacted.

April 30, 1885

A stated meeting of the society was held at 214 E. 34 St. on Thursday, April 30, 1885. The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:15 P.M. 14 members were present.

Dr. H. L. Taylor presented two cases of congenital talipes equino-varus cured by mechanical treatment after failure with tenotomy.

Dr. E. H. Bradford of Boston then read the paper of the evening on “The forcible treatment of inveterate cases of club foot; with an analysis of 50 cases” and demonstrated the apparatus devised by him for this purpose. The paper was discussed by Drs. Shaffer, Gibney, Stillman, Poore, Yale, Judson, Ridlon, Wyeth, Bryant, Hubbard, H. L. Taylor, Ketch & Develin. It was moved and seconded that the thanks of the society be extended to Dr. Bradford for his paper. Carried.

Dr. A. B. Judson presented on “Apparatus for the treatment of talipes calcaneus.”

Dr. E. Develin presented on “Instrument for the redressing of club-foot after tenotomy.”

On motion Dr. Bradford was elected a corresponding member of the society.

The President announced that some journals and monographs (Italian) had been presented to the society by Dr. Panzeri, of Milan. On motion the thanks of the society was extended to Dr.

Panzeri for his courtesy. The society then, on motion, adjourned.

T. L. Stedman. Sec’y

May 28, 1885

A stated meeting of the Society was held at 214 E. 34 St. on Thursday, May 28th, 1885. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Gibney, at 8:30 P.M. Ten members were present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Dr. E. Develin read the paper of the evening entitled “The pathology, prognosis and treatment of infantile paralysis.” The paper was discussed by Drs. Ridlon, Berg, L. H. Sayre, Judson, H. L. Taylor, Ketch, R. H. Sayre, Amidon, Seguin and Foster (of Boston).

Dr. Ridlon presented a “Modified apparatus for the treatment of chronic osteitis of the knee.”

Discussed by Dr. Berg. Dr. L. H. Sayre presented a specimen obtained from Dr. Watson, of Jersey City, exhibiting a masked anterior curvature of the spine, but in which there had been, during life, no paralytic symptoms.

On motion the meeting then adjourned.

Thos. L. Stedman, Secretary

October 29, 1885

A stated meeting of the Society was held at 214 East 34 Street, on Thursday, October 29, 1885. The meeting was called to order by the President at 8:35 P.M. 12 members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Dr. Gibney read the paper of the evening, entitled “Rotary Lateral Curvature of the Spine.”
Paper discussed by Drs. Judson and Berg, Lee, of Philadelphia.

Dr. L. A. Sayre then exhibited the method of application of the plaster of paris corset and gave a demonstration of the exercises employed by him in the treatment of lateral curvature. The discussion of the paper of the evening was then continued by Drs. Shaffer, H. L. Taylor, Berg, and L. A. Sayre.

The Society then adjourned by limitation and went into executive session. Dr. Thomas Stone, of 241 W. 25 St., was elected to membership. Dr. E. H. Bradford, of Boston, was proposed as a corresponding member.

Thos. L. Stedman, Sec’y.

Nov. 30, 1885

No meeting was held as there was not a quorum present. Dr. Hubbard exhibited to those members who were present a man upon whom he had performed excision of the shoulder for chronic disease of the joint.

January 4, 1886

A meeting of the New York Orthopaedic Society was held at 214 East 34 Street on Monday, Jan’y 4, 1886. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Gibney, at 8:30 P.M. 10 members were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Dr. Shaffer exhibited a new lateral extension shoe for the treatment of talipes varus, and a new form of extension apparatus for the treatment of osteitis of the knee. Dr. Yale presented a specimen, with history, of a case of infectious osteo-myelitis, an unusual form of hip disease. Dr. Hubbard then read the paper of the evening entitled “excision for Chronic Disease of the Shoulder Joint.” The paper was discussed by Drs. Shaffer, M. J. Roberts, Ketch, M. P. Jacobi, Judson and Gibson.

Dr. M. J. Roberts exhibited an apparatus designed to exert linear elastic traction, while not interfering with normal motion, in the treatment of disease of the hip joint.

The discussion on Dr. Yale’s case of osteomyelitis was participated in by Drs. Ketch, M. P. Jacobi, Shaffer, Hubbard, M. J. Roberts, Judson, Gibney and Develin.

The Society then adjourned by limitation and went into executive session. The question of merging the society into a section of the Academy of Medicine was discussed. It was moved and seconded that the executive committee take steps to merge the society into a section of the Academy and should report at the next meeting. Carried.

The society then adjourned.

T. L. Stedman, Sec'y.

Jan. 29, 1886

A meeting of the New York Orthopaedic Society was held at No. 12 W. 31st Street, on Friday, January 29, 1886. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Gibney, at 8 P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The executive committee reported that they had taken the steps necessary to merge the society into a section of the Academy of Medicine. The treasurer was not presented but the president stated that there was a balance of but about \$10.00, which the committee had voted to give to the gentleman, Dr. Develin, who had kindly taken stenographic notes for the meetings.

On motion of Dr. L. A. Sayre, the report of the committee was accepted, and the society adjourned sine die.

New York Academy of Medicine Orthopaedic Section

Jan. 29, 1886

Several fellows of the N. Y. Academy met at No. 12 W. 31st Street on Friday, January 29th, 1886, in order to form an Orthopaedic Section. The section was organized by the President of the Academy, Dr. A. Jacobi. The election of officers was held, resulting in the election of Dr. Newton M. Shaffer, Chairman, and Dr. Thos. L. Stedman, Secretary.

A set of by-laws for the government of the Section, founded mainly upon those formerly adopted by the Orthopaedic Society, was provisionally adopted.

The paper of the evening, entitled "Remarks on Lateral Curvature, with special reference to its occurrence in children," was then read by Dr. Samuel Ketch. The paper was discussed by Drs. L. A. Sayre, A. Jacobi, Judson, Berg, Gibney, H. L. Taylor, Shaffer and L. H. Sayre.

On motion the Section then adjourned.

Thos. L. Stedman, Secretary

Feb. 19, 1886

A regular meeting of the Section was held in the hall of the Academy of Medicine on Friday, Feb. 19th, 1886. The meeting was called to order by the chairman at 8:20 P.M. Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted. Dr. N. M. Shaffer presented a case in which excision of the

knee had been performed, and in which after apparent ankylosis for five (5) years gradual flexion of the joint began.

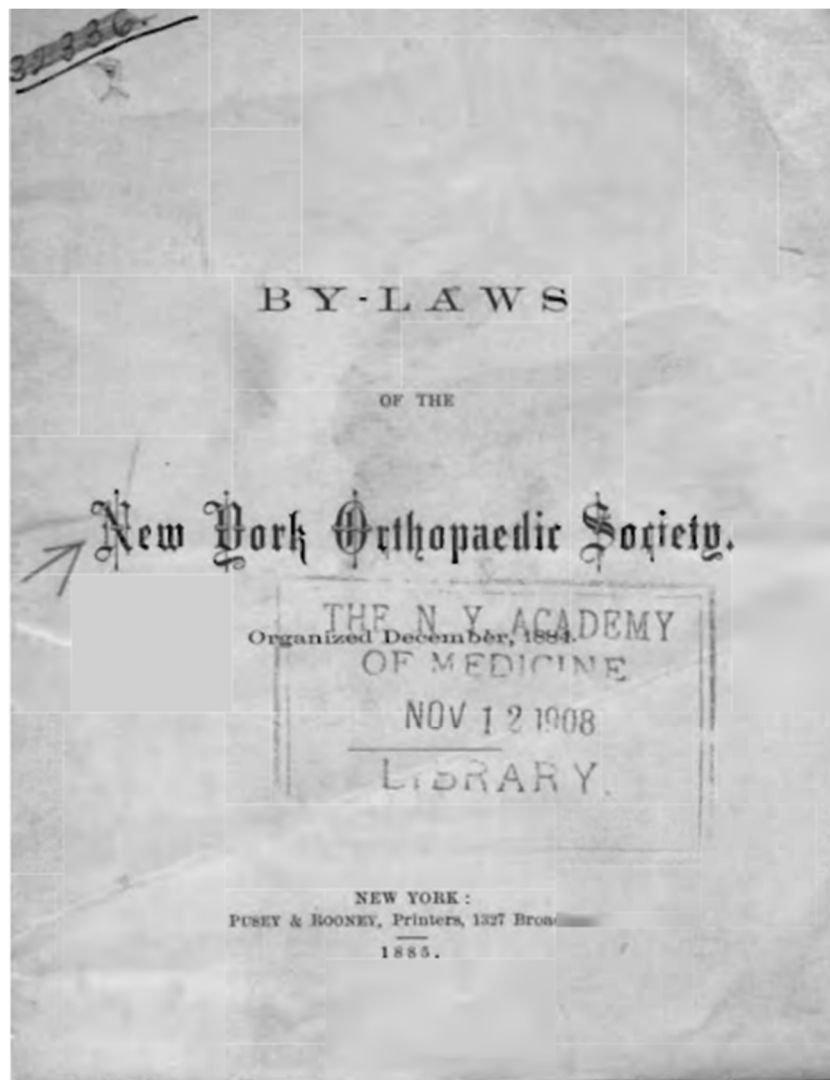
The paper of the evening, entitled: "Chronic Osteitis of the Shoulder," was then read by Dr. V. P. Gibney. Several cases illustrating the subject of the paper were presented. The discussion was participated in by Drs. Bryant, Ketch, Poore, R. H. Sayre, and Shaffer.

The section then adjourned by limitation.
Thos. L. Stedman, Sec'y.

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Appendix 2

New York Orthopaedic Society By-Laws, 1885



BY-LAWS.

I.

The name of the Society shall be the NEW YORK ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY.

II.

The object of the Society shall be the interchange of experience and the promotion of knowledge in Orthopaedic surgery.

III.

THE SOCIETY SHALL CONSIST OF

1. Members who shall not be more than thirty (30) in number, one-third of whom shall constitute a quorum.
2. Corresponding members, not to exceed in number one-third of the members, and chosen from gentlemen in other cities or countries, who have contributed papers to the Society, embodying original thought or research on subjects connected with Orthopaedic surgery.
3. Honorary members, not to exceed in number over one-fifth (1-5) of the members, and chosen from gentlemen at home or abroad, who have by their contributions to science become recognized authorities in this department of medicine and surgery.

IV.

Election of members shall be by ballot, and one negative vote in five shall prevent election. Candidates shall be proposed in writing by two members, one month before they are balloted for, and one notice of such nomination shall be given to each member in writing, at least two weeks in advance.

2. Corresponding members shall be elected by ballot, and two negative votes shall prevent election. Proposals shall take the same course as do those for membership.

Corresponding members may be the guests of the Society, enjoying the privilege of participating in the proceedings, but holding no right to vote or to hold office.

3. Honorary members shall be elected in the same manner as corresponding members are elected, and shall enjoy the same privileges.

V.

The officers of the Society shall consist of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot. The first three officers shall serve during their term as an executive committee, and shall transact business properly belonging to such a Committee.

VI.

A member elect shall not be entitled to the privileges of membership until he has paid the initiation fee. An election shall be valid no longer than three months.

A member failing to attend three successive meetings

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without an excuse satisfactory to the Society, shall forfeit his membership.

Every member in alphabetical order shall present a paper or introduce a subject for discussion, and a failure in this obligation to the Society shall deprive him of membership. In case of necessity any member shall have the right to procure a substitute.

VII.

A resignation of membership shall not be accepted unless presented in writing, and after payment of all dues.

VIII.

The initiation fee shall be five dollars. Expenses of the Society not covered by the initiation fees shall be met by *pro rata* assessment.

IX.

There shall be regular meetings of the Society on the last Thursday of each month, except the months of June, July, August, and September, unless otherwise determined by the Executive Committee.

Special meetings may be called only by vote of the Society or by the Executive Committee.

Notices of all meetings, regular or special, shall be given in the usual way five days before the date of meeting.

The card giving notice shall also contain the main subject for discussion, and the title of cases, specimens or instruments to be presented.

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Each member shall be notified of his turn to read a paper at least two months in advance.

No member shall be required to read a paper within six months after election.

X.

The annual meeting for the election of officers shall be on the last Thursday of January.

XI.

The sessions of the Society shall begin at a quarter past eight o'clock P. M., and end at a quarter past ten o'clock P. M.

An extension of the time at any particular meeting can be made only by a unanimous vote of the members present.

XII.

The proceedings of the session shall be prepared by the Secretary for prompt publication.

TO SECURE THIS.

1. All communications, not in the course of regular discussion, shall be presented in writing.
2. The Executive Committee shall have power to make such arrangements for the publication of the proceedings of the Society as it may find desirable.
3. The completed report of any meeting shall be open to the inspection of members interested in the same, but revision or correction of any part of the same can be made only at the close of the reading of the minutes, in full or

abstract, at the next meeting and with the consent of the members present.

4. The Secretary shall have ready for inspection the report of the proceedings at least one week before the date of official approval.

XIII.

IN THE PRESENTATION OF CASES, SPECIMENS OR APPARATUS,

1. Members shall be called upon in the order in which their names appear on a register made on the evening of each meeting. The Chair shall make such register in the order of the arrival of members.

Members shall be allowed ten minutes for the presentation of a case, specimen or apparatus, and this time shall not be extended except by a vote of the Society.

Every member shall be allowed five minutes for remarks on each case, specimen or apparatus presented, and this time shall not be extended except by a vote of the Society.

In any discussion members shall not be allowed to speak twice until all the members present have had an opportunity of taking part. A member shall not speak a third time without a special vote of the Society. This limitation shall not apply to mere questions and answers in the course of debate.

XIV.

The order of business shall be as follows :

1. Reading of proceedings of previous meeting.
2. Presentation of cases.

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3. Paper, or subject for discussion of the evening.
4. Discussion of the same.
5. Discussion of cases presented.
6. Presentation of specimens and apparatus.
7. Discussion of the same.
8. General contributions.
9. Executive session (if necessary).
10. Adjournment.

XV.

These By-Laws shall not be amended without a month's notice in writing to each member, and then only by a two-thirds (2-3) vote of members present.

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