

THE MEDICAL JOURNAL.

Origin and History of its Existence. Its Organization and Success.

In November, 1894, The Yale Medical Journal quietly entered the coterie of Yale publications, making their number seven in all. It was the second publication to come from a professional school of the University, the Law Journal having preceded it by three years.

Though, in many respects, the Law Journal had shown the way to a successful career and served as a model on which to build, certain new conditions, beyond mere professional differences, had to be met in the establishment of the Medical Journal, and it is largely due to the intelligent conformance to them that the Journal to-day can attribute its substantial and promising success.

The Medical School, at the time the Journal was first thought of, was small in numbers. Its reputation was less than it is now and a paper could hardly have been expected to live there, even though every student stood behind it. Medical journals of the highest order, handled exclusively by students, could hardly be said to exist in the largest professional school. The paper would, therefore, be somewhat of an experiment. The natural field of the paper, if it went out of the school at all, was already entered by the "New England Monthly," published not many miles away. A journal issued by the School must compete, therefore, with a well-established rival.

On the other hand, much of the best medical investigation and research, especially that done in Connecticut, would naturally find its way to general literature through a Yale medical journal. Its very existence would give a stimulus to the source of such work. Besides the heavier matters, much in the way of State medical reports, items and details, could make the paper of value to practitioners, especially those of Connecticut, while the idea of taking the State medical affairs as a particular department, and developing them so as to make the paper the recognized official organ of the medical societies of the State, opened one avenue to success.

But, though the paper attempted to appeal to practitioners in this practical way, it originated among the students, was to be published by them and for them, and they were to be its active supporters. In its columns an eye to their appreciation and profit was always to be kept open. The founders of the paper, to gain the permanent respect and support of the students, went further and established a good working library and a reading room containing current medical literature, from the books and periodicals received by the Journal.

THE ADVISORY BOARD.

As an evidence of good faith to the Faculty and adherents of the School, and of soundness, earnestness, and conservativeness, an Advisory Board was appointed, to which at all times the editors were answerable. It was a wise step, for in a journal whose field is always such a new and progressive one, necessarily a maturity of judgment and keen perception, which time and experience alone give, is invaluable.

The Journal, from the first, attempted to meet the indications pointed out for it. As was said, it was first issued in November, 1894. In the two and a half years of its life it has steadily developed towards a realization of its ideals. Five editors chosen from the Senior Class from competition in Junior year, actively conduct the paper. New Boards are chosen part in the Winter term and part in the Spring term, as seems most fitting. These men obtain thorough training in subordinate work until the last number of the year, which they are expected to issue alone. Each man then takes one or more of the departments, "Editorials," "Reports of Medical Societies," "Hospital and Clinic Notes," "Medical Progress" (in general medicine), "Items of Interest," "Book Reviews and Book Notices," and "Alumni and School Notes," for his especial charge. Every month during the college year, on the first day of the month, the magazine is expected to appear.

Among the past year's original contributions, the following have elicited wide attention: "The Proper Disposal of Sewage," by Col. George E. Waring, Commissioner of the New York Department of Street Cleaning; "Injuries to the Head," by Roswell Park, M. D., Editor of Park's Surgery, and Professor of Surgery, University of Buffalo; "Intestinal Toxaemia," by Matthew D. Mann, M. D., Dean of the Department

of Medicine, University of Buffalo; "Surgery of the Chest," by Frederic S. Dennis, Professor of Surgery, Bellevue Hospital Medical College, of New York; "Behavior of Sugars," by Graham Lusk, Professor of Physiology, Yale Medical School; "Falling of the Hair," R. A. McDonnell, M. D.; "Widal Serum Test," by Charles J. Bartlett, M. D., Instructor of Pathology, Yale Medical School. Editorials on "Sanitation," "Isolation Hospitals," "Nursing," "Tuberculosis Isolation," "The Psychological Influence of the Physician," "The Typhoid Fever Epidemic in New Haven," and "Laws of Registration for Practitioners," have been widely noticed.

No better criterion could be given of the estimation in which the Journal is held than a year's list of contributors, some of which are given above. If any other were needed, the grade and stamp of the advertisers, and the frequent quotations in exchanges, might be cited. No one will deny that the Journal has benefited the School. Within it have centered School interests and cultivated School pride. Without, it has been the most trustworthy messenger of the spirit and work of the School.

The Advisory Board of the Journal consists at present of Professor H. E. Smith, M. D., Dean of the School; Professor W. H. Carmalt, M. D., and Professor O. T. Osborne, M. D., of the School, with George P. Shepherd, M. D., of Hartford, and N. E. Wordin, M. D., of Bridgeport. The Senior editors for the present year are: Benjamin F. Corwin, Yale '95, chairman; Albert E. Loveland, M.A., Wesleyan '93, Business Manager; William George Reynolds, Yale '95; John A. Lee, Yale '95, and Ernest D. Chipman.

The Courant Banquet.

The thirty-third annual banquet of the Yale Courant was held Friday evening at the New Haven House. A quartet from the Glee Club composed of H. Butler, '98, M. J. Dodge, '98, G. Parker, '98, and L. G. Mead, '97, rendered several selections. R. L. Munger, '97, acted as toastmaster and the following toasts were responded to:

The Outgoing Board Robert L. Munger, '97

"Good-bye, my lord, this leave-taking is sorry business; if it were not for the company I should be melancholy."—The Clog-Dancers.

The Incoming Board Forsyth Wickes, '98

"Make way for me, they have rung up the curtain."—Lotho The Wretched.

Concerning the Devil ..T. L. Clarke, '97

"I say that there are things of which mankind is ignorant.—Adventures of Joe Giggles."

Oak BendingC. W. Wells, '96

"It is necessary, young sir, to look to your teachers, in order that you pass for a man of intelligence."—Three Days in Alaska.

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"By your leave, gentlemen, not despots, though quite incomparable."—How Snowshoes Are Made.

Intercollegiate Athletic Meeting.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association, consisting of S. K. Gerard, '97; H. W. Howe, Harvard; J. D. Winsor, U. of P.; W. H. Fearing, Columbia; and O. Shiras, Cornell, was held in New York on Saturday evening, March 20. It was decided to hold the intercollegiate bicycle meet June 5, and the rules of the L. A. W. were adapted to college bicycle racing. Mr. W. B. Curtis has been selected to act as referee at the meet. The place of this meet and of the annual Mott Haven games will be decided at a later meeting of the committee. It is greatly desired by the University of Pennsylvania that the place of these games should be Philadelphia, and Cornell and Columbia are willing to vote for the change. Harvard and Yale strongly oppose the move.

Yale-Princeton Gymnastic Meet.

The annual Yale-Princeton joint gymnastic meet will be held at the Yale Gymnasium on Friday, March 26. There will also be wrestling matches for the Yale championship in light, medium and heavyweight classes. The Princeton Faculty has refused to allow their men to contest in this event.

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