

§ 4. The above order of business may at any time be suspended, on motion by a vote of two-thirds of those present.

ART. VII. Reports of committees and of Censors, and reports of officers on matters of business, shall, after approval, be lodged in the archives of the Society. Other papers, such as addresses, medical communications, etc., may also be lodged in the archives or published by the Society, after a vote to that effect, provided such disposal is by consent of the author of such address or communication.

OBITUARY.

To the Editors of the AMERICAN HOMŒOPATHIC REVIEW—*Gentlemen*: At a regular business meeting of the Hahnemannian Society of the New York Homœopathic Medical College, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, Since the last annual meeting of the Hahnemannian Society of the New York Homœopathic College, tidings have come to us of the death of our friend and brother, Cornelius B. Jocelyn, M. D., who was a beloved and honored member of this association.

Resolved, that while we bow in humble submission to the hand of Him who has bereft us, and cherish a high respect for the memory of our beloved brother, won from us by his kindly genial nature and by the uprightness and integrity of his character, that made itself felt in all his associations, we cannot but sincerely regret that his life here was cut off in the freshness of his early manhood, as it was opening up before him with such promise of usefulness in the noble profession whose ranks he had just entered.

Resolved, That in our opinion, by his death the profession has lost one who, by his indomitable energy and perseverance, bade fair to stand in its foremost ranks—and the cause of Homœopathy a friend ever true to its first interests.

Resolved, that while thus deeply regretting the brevity of a life so full of rich promise, we can but rejoice that our brother met the great change with so much manly fortitude and christian resignation, and that he has entered upon a life which is the reward of all those who acknowledge their dependence upon, and place their trust in an all-wise God.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the widow of our deceased brother, Mrs. Sarah B. Jocelyn, of Springfield, Mass., and also to his parents the Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Jocelyn, of Williamsburg, L. I., as an expression of our sympathy with them in their deep affliction; and we trust that the same confidence in the Divine Being, which inspired our brother with hope and peace during his last hours, will sustain and console them.

Resolved, That copies also be offered to the editors of the *North American Journal of Homœopathy*, the AMERICAN HOMŒOPATHIC REVIEW, and the *American Homœopathic Observer*, for publication, and that they be recorded in the society minutes.

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The especial branches of the *Materia Medica* are pharmacognosis, the knowledge of the natural history and physical property of drugs; pharmacology, the knowledge of the collection, preparation and preservation of medicines; pharmacodynamics, the knowledge of examining the virtues and effects of medicines; to which we particularly add, pathognomy, the science and art of discerning the characteristics of groups of symptoms.

We will not, at present, treat at length of the history of *Materia Medica*, from Hippocrates and Dioscorides down to the present day; we can learn but little by looking back at the continuous changes, giving evidence that uncertainty prevailed, that darkness was followed by darkness; we shall leave the perusal of these former changeable and irrelevant attempts at a *Materia Medica* to those who find it amusing to dwell on the dark pages of antiquity.

The Homœopathic *Materia Medica* contains within itself its primary facts of fundamental principles, its laws of devel-

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