THE INDIAN TERRITORY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

By Fred S. Clinton, M.D., F.A.C.S.

The object of this sketch is to furnish the Oklahoma Historical Society an outline of the history of the first medical society organized in the Indian Territory. And this will place in the record of Oklahoma a number of important facts, not now available, which may be of use to the profession or desirable to know as part of the medical culture.

Many copies of minutes and other valuable papers of the Indian Territory Medical Association have been misplaced, lost, or not returned to the Oklahoma State Medical Association. I have waited twenty years for their discovery.

On April 4, 1927, J. Y. Bryce, Secretary, Oklahoma Historical Society, authorized me to write the history of the Indian Territory Medical Association. After several conferences and the exchange of letters with many leading older members I wrote the article. It was not satisfactory to me and I did not submit it for publication. I was granted leave and now believe it in the best interests of all concerned to complete this assignment while some facts are fresh in my mind and memory.

Letter from J. Y. Bryce, Secretary of the Oklahoma Historical Society:

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

April 4, 1927

Dr. Fred S. Clinton,
Tulsa, Okla.

Dear Doctor Clinton:

Yours of the 28th ultimo received. I note what you say with reference to Indian Territory Medical Association and Indian Territory Pharmaceutical Association, and that you cannot undertake writing these articles for the immediate future, but that you will undertake to get the material together for future use. This will be entirely satisfactory and we will count on you to so furnish it.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) J. Y. BRYCE
Secretary

A letter to the writer from Dr. E. N. Wright, Olney, dated November 5, 1930, gave some notes on the history of the organization of the Indian Territory Medical Association and further stated in part: "Inasmuch as you are an old-time friend and, also, a former citizen of this country, it is gratifying to learn that you are taking a hand in the compilation of the history of Indian Territory Medical Association in such detail."
Many pioneer physicians and surgeons in the Indian Territory were well qualified, professionally, and endowed with good nature, courage, intelligence, industry and humanity. Without benefit of roads, bridges, automobiles, or comfortable means of transportation, hospitals, electric or gas lights, laboratories, trained nurses, and at times with no shelter for their patients, they carried on, rendering a fine, constructive service by providing or securing aid or relief.

These conscientious and understanding physicians came to this new world determined to develop it and perform their part as God-fearing, home-loving, patriotic citizens. Garrison has well said, "The history of Medicine is, in fact, the history of humanity itself, with its ups and downs, its brave aspirations after truth and finality, its pathetic failures. The subject may be treated variously as a pageant, an array of books, a procession of characters, a succession of theories, an exposition of human ineptitudes, or as the very bone and marrow of cultural history." As Matthew Arnold said of the Acta Sanctorum, "All human life is there."

This is the first effort, so far as I know, of any attempt to present any record under the title, "The History of the Indian Territory Medical Association." This pioneer organization was the forerunner and foundation for all the regular medical associations in Oklahoma.

There are four important epochs in the history of the Indian Territory Medical Association: the initial organization, the first reorganization, the re-organization in conformity with the requirements of the American Medical Association, and the merging with the Oklahoma State Medical Association.

From many reliable sources I have verified the accuracy of the first reported formal meeting of the Indian Territory Medical Association, organization, adoption of constitution and by-laws, elec-

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4 See Minutes of convention at Muskogee, I. T., April 18, 1881, following in text of this article.
5 See excerpt from letter of Dr. J. L. Blakemore, Muskogee, Oklahoma, dated July 5, 1945, following in text of this article.
6 Covered in the body of this article.
7 In a meeting of the Oklahoma Territorial Medical Society at Oklahoma City on May 14-15, 1902, a new Constitution and By-Laws were adopted in which the name of the organization was designated "The Oklahoma Medical Society" (Oklahoma Medical News Journal, Vol. 10, No. 6 [June, 1902], p. 143). In a meeting of the Oklahoma Medical Society held at Oklahoma City on May 11, 1904, the Society was reorganized in accordance with the rules of the American Medical Association and a new Constitution and By-Laws were adopted, changing the name to the "Oklahoma State Medical Association." (Ibid., Vol. XII, No. 6 [June, 1904] p. 147, and No. 10 [October, 1904], p. 256). These changes in the name of the Medical Society were interesting in that the organization was the first professional organization in Oklahoma to use the term "State" in its title, and that three years before statehood.—Ed.
tion of officers and adjournment. Minutes of the first meeting were as follows:

MINUTES

Muskogee, I.T., April 18, 1881

At 2 P.M. a number of Medical gentlemen met pursuant to a previously circulated call for a mass convention for purpose of medical organization. The Convention was called to order by Dr. B. F. Fortner, who mentioned Dr. G. W. Cummings to the Chairmanship of the Convention, which was unanimously confirmed. The organization was completed by the election of Dr. Cutler, Vice-President, and Dr. Fortner and C. Harris as Secretaries. The chair proceeded to state the objects of the meeting by reading the original call and address appended. The chair proceeded to appoint a committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of B. F. Fortner, Felix McNair.

Several communications from gentlemen professionally detained at home, were read, prominently among which was one from Dr. L. M. Cravens of the Cherokee Nation for which the convention returned a vote of thanks.

Muskogee, I.T., April 19, 1881

Society convened pursuant to adjournment and were addressed by Dr. B. F. Fortner, President-Elect, reading result of Election: President B. F. Fortner, Claremore; First Vice-President, G. W. Cummings, Muskogee; Second Vice-President, Felix McNair, Locust Grove; Secretary, M. F. Williams, Muskogee; Treasurer, R. B. Howard, Fort Gibson; Librarian, E. F. Harris; Board of Censors, C. Harris, E. F. Harris, K. R. Cutler, W. T. Adair, W. H. Bailey.

There were nominated as members, Drs. S. F. Moore, Webber Falls; A. W. Foreman, Vinita; A. Y. Lane, Claremore; L. M. Cravens, Tahlequah; W. T. Adair, Tahlequah; H. Lindsey, Eufaula; as honorary member, Dr. Clegg.

After the two recorded meetings of the Indian Territory Medical Association, April 18-19, and September 14-15, 1881, a long silence ensued. Dr. Fortner, the president, returned in 1882 to Fayetteville, Arkansas, until 1884, when he removed to Vinita, Indian Ter-

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1 See Appendix A for report of this meeting appearing in the Muskogee Indian Journal, April 21, 1881; and, also, letter from the Department of the Army, 1948, relating to notes on the history of the Indian Territory Medical Association.

2 Minutes of the organization meeting, transcribed and furnished by Miss Lilah B. Heck, Librarian of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.

3 See Appendix B for letter dated October 13, 1881, addressed to Hon. Samuel Checote, Principal Chief of the Muskogee Nation, by M. F. Williams, Secretary, The International Indian Medical Association, urging the enactment of legislation by the Council of the Creek Nation, to regulate the practice of medicine among the Creek people. Chief Checote was a Methodist minister, and performed the marriage ceremony for Miss Louise Atkins and Charles Clinton, at Okmulgee in 1873. They were the parents of Dr. Fred S. Clinton, contributor of this article on the Indian Territory Medical Association. (For the biography of Samuel Checote, see the article by O. L. Lambert in Chronicles of Oklahoma, Vol. IV, No. 3 [September, 1926], pp. 275-80.)—Ed.
This absence may account for the lapse of interest during this period in the Indian Territory Medical Association, and explain the renewed activity after his return.11

Dr. J. L. Blakemore, Muskogee, in active practice since 1888, informs me in letter dated July 5, 1945: "I know that Dr. B. F. Fortner of Vinita reorganized the Indian Territory Medical Association in 1888 [1889]. It had been revived in 1885 at Claremore but only for a year and died on account of no attendance, but the 1888 [1889] meeting was well attended and Dr. Fortner was made president and Dr. M. F. Williams of Muscogee, Secretary."

Whether there were meetings held and minutes not put in the book or whether the Association died, I have no way of knowing. The June 28, 1889 meeting was held in the Southern Methodist Church, Muskogee; and according to the minutes, the Indian Territory Medical Association was organized with 23 members.12 Dr. Fortner was again elected president. Dr. J. R. Brewer (Muskogee) was elected 1st vice-president, Dr. R. A. Burr (Chouteau) 2nd vice-president, Dr. J. O. Callahan, (Muskogee) secretary, and Dr. Oliver Bagby (Vinita) treasurer. The object of the organization as stated,

10 See Appendix C for biography of Benjamin F. Fortner, M.D.

11 The following names of Medical Examiners and of Medical Advisors in the Cherokee Nation are found in Roster of Officers Cherokee Nation, Cherokee Vol. 283, p. 67 (for 1890) and p. 94 (for 1896), Oklahoma Historical Society Collections:

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12 In a letter to the writer, dated November 26, 1947, Miss Lilah B. Heck, Librarian of the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine, stated: "I believe you have the information about the first meeting where the Association was organized and Dr. Fortner was elected president (April 19, 1881). The next meeting was held September 4, 1881, then there are no more minutes of meetings until June 28, 1889."
was the "cultivation of fraternal relations, and the securing to ourselves, and the public, the advantages of professional association in an organized capacity."\textsuperscript{13}

The Indian Territory Medical Association met in Muskogee on Tuesday, December 8, 1891. The program was as follows:\textsuperscript{14}


Well attended meetings with good programs were held semi-annually by the Association, including those held at South McAlester, June 4, 1895; Wagoner, June 2, 1896; Vinita, December 1, 1896; South McAlester, June 29, 1897; Muskogee, December 7, 1897; Wagoner, June 1, 1898; Wagoner, December 6, 1898; South McAlester, June 20, 1899; Wagoner, December 5, 1899; Wagoner, June 19, 1900.\textsuperscript{15}

The Indian Territory Medical Association held its 24th semi-annual meeting at Muskogee, December 4, 1900, with President Leroy Long, M.D., Caddo, presiding. In his address, he recommended that plans be formulated to secure congressional legislation for the establishment of some modern methods of caring for the insane and feeble-minded and for dealing with tuberculosis. The committee (Drs. Fortner, Fite, and Wright) appointed to report

\textsuperscript{13}For Minutes of the meeting on June 28, 1889, see "LeRoy Long—Teacher of Medicine" by Basil A. Hayes, *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, Vol. XX, No. 4 (December, 1942), pp. 344. This same reference, p. 345, gives a list of places and dates when meetings of the Association were held until 1895. See Appendix D for a report on the meeting held at Wagoner, December 7, 1889, appearing in *The Wagoner Record.*—Ed.

\textsuperscript{14}A copy of this program was received in a communication, dated December 17, 1947, from the Department of Literary Research, American College of Surgeons, taken from *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1891, Vol. 17, p. 902.

on the President's address recommended:16

We, your committee on the president's address, have considered the same and recommend that a committee of three be retained and authorized to formulate plans and if possible secure congressional legislation providing for an insane asylum for the Indian Territory and a system of public health boards.

The next semi-annual meeting of the Indian Territory Medical Association was held at Vinita on June 4, 1901, when the following officers were elected: President Geo. W. West, Eufaula; Vice-presidents, Oliver Bagby, Vinita, and William A. Haley, South McAlester; Secretary-Treasurer Fred S. Clinton, Tulsa.17

The following is a report of the meeting in December, 1901:18

The Indian Territory Medical Association met at Muscogee, Indian Territory, December 3, 1901, and was called to order at 1:30 p.m., Dr. G. W. West, President. Good attendance. The splendid address of welcome was delivered by the Honorable Preston C. West. A fine welcome from the profession by Dr. F. B. Fite. Response to both addresses was made by the president, Dr. West. Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted.

Committee on Necrology appointed as follows: Fred S. Clinton, M.D., LeRoy Long, M.D.,

Applications for membership received and referred to Committee on Credentials, Willis M. Hunter, Vian, I.T., Robert A. Lively, Durant, I.T., E. E. Chivers, Ardmore, I.T., T. S. Booth, Ardmore, I.T., Graham Street, South McAlester, I.T., Bascom J. Vance, Checotah, I.T., Floyd E. Waterfield, Holdenville, I.T., J. L. Jones, Wagoner, I.T.

McDonald resolution adopted.

President's address delivered and committee appointed to consider same, F. B. Fite, W. O. Shannon, and J. W. Hensley.

Invitation to informal reception at Elks' Hall to the Indian Territory Medical Association by Dr. F. B. Fite and wife, Dec. 3, 1901, 8 to 11, accepted.

Committee on president's address reported favorably on all points in reference to laws governing the practice of medicine proceeding from Washington. Agreed to have secretary prepare synopsis for publication in the American Medical Association Journal.

E. E. Chivers and T. S. Booth, elected delegates by the Chickasaw Medical Association were seated, see report.

Numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, absent.

16 Ibid., p. 352. The committee appointed under this recommendation consisted of B. F. Fortner, M.D., Vinita; Fred S. Clinton, M.D., Tulsa; J. S. Fulton, M.D., Atoka. See Appendix E for a press report of this meeting, from The Wagoner Record, June 21, 1900.—Ed.

17 The meetings of the Association from 1899 to 1901 were also reported in The Journal of the American Medical Association: 1899 in Vol. 34, p. 902; 1900 in Vol. 35, p. 1646; 1901 in Vol. 36, pp. 1575 and 1799.

18 See Appendix F for press reports of meetings of the Indian Territory Medical Association held at Vinita on June 4, 1901, and at South McAlester on June 3, 1902.
Ophthalmia Neonatarium, G. E. Hartshorne, M.D., South McAlester, discussed by Dr. T. S. Booth and F. B. Fite. Numbers 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, absent.

Section on Practice, Address in Medicine:

Morphinism and Treatment by V. Berry, M.D., read by the secretary and discussed by J. L. Blakemore, M.D., and J. L. Jones, M.D.

Puerperal Eclampsia by J. L. Jones, M.D., received and discussed by M. E. Thompson, M.D., W. O. Shannon, G. E. Hartshorne, M.D., Bascom J. Vance, M.D.,

Motion carried to adjourn to 9 A.M., December 4, 1901.

Indian Territory Medical Association called to order, Muscogee, I.T., December 4, 1901, 9 A.M., by Doctor George W. West, President.

LeRoy Long, M.D., delivered the address in Surgery, on the subject, Emergency Surgery. He reviewed the progress in that line and more particularly the recognition of and prompt treatment of shock. Address was received and discussed by Dr. R. J. Crabill, Dr. B. F. Fortner, and Dr. Fred S. Clinton.


Indian Territory Medical Association adjourned to meet 2 p.m. December 4, 1901.

Association meeting called to order 2 P.M., 12-4-1901, by president.

Rules suspended and Committee Reports received.

Committee on Program reported as follows:

Practice, Dr. C. D. Frick, Chairman, Dr. Geo. R. Rucker, Dr. F. M. Duckworth.

Surgery, Dr. Oliver Bagby, Chairman, Dr. R. I. Bond, Dr. David Gardner.

Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. J. L. Blakemore, Chairman, Dr. G. A. McBride, Dr. V. Berry.

Muscogee, I.T., Dec. 4, 1901. To the Indian Territory Medical Association. We, your committee on program, beg leave to submit report attached herewith.

Fraternally submitted,
LeRoy Long, W. B. Pigg.

Muscogee, I.T., Dec. 4, 1901. To the Indian Territory Medical Association. We, your committee on credentials, beg leave to report favorably on the applications of Dr. James A. Patton, Dr. Geo. W. Bell, Dr. James L. Shuler, Dr. A. M. Coates, Dr. F. M. Wormington and Dr. W. E. Thomason, and ask for further time on the applications of Dr. John L. Stephens, Dr. H. Gabeen, Dr. J. G. Adams, Dr. J. Donohoo and Dr. S. J. Fuller, because of incomplete information furnished.

Respectfully submitted,
B. F. Fortner, Chairman
LeRoy Long.
A paper by Dr. Graham Street (subject not recorded) discussed by Dr. B. F. Fortner, Dr. D. B. Woodson, and Dr. Fred S. Clinton. Head Injuries of Children was discussed thoroughly by Dr. B. F. Fortner. An address were delivered on gynecology and obstetrics, author not mentioned, and discussion not recorded, carried on by Dr. Louis C. Tennant, Dr. LeRoy Long, Dr. J. L. Jones, and Dr. W. B. Pigg. The following towns were placed in nomination for next meeting: Vinita, South McAlester, Durant, Checotah, South McAlester won.

Resolutions of appreciation as follows passed:

Be It Resolved by members of the Indian Territory Medical Association we tender our thanks and express our appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Fite and the citizens of Muskogee for the elegant reception and entertainment extended to us and that we will cherish the happy memory of their kindnesses and wish them all health, prosperity and happiness.

Adjourned to meet at South McAlester, June 3-4-1902.

I do not know what changes have been made in the written regulations for conduct of the Medical Association during the last half century of experience but they should be made clear, concise, and just as comprehensive.

At the regular meeting of the Indian Territory Medical Association held at Muskogee, December 3 and 4, 1901, I introduced the following resolution at 2:00 p.m., December 4, 1901:

"Be it resolved that the Indian Territory Medical Association be reorganized in accordance with the general plan suggested by the American Medical Association and that the constitution and by-laws be so changed as to conform to this progressive and systematic method of organization, and that a committee of three be appointed by the president to draft the same and present to the next regular meeting such articles."

Fred S. Clinton.

The resolution was passed without dissenting vote, and the following committee was appointed: Fred S. Clinton, M.D., B. F. Fortner, M.D., LeRoy Long, M.D.

The Journal of the American Medical Association, 1902, (Vol. 39, p. 444,) reported: "Indian Territory Medical Association: At the twenty-seventh semi-annual meeting of this Association at South McAlester, June 3 and 4, the most important business of the session was reorganization in conformity with the recommendations of the American Medical Association."

At the request of the other members of the Committee, I prepared the ten-page report. We then revised it as shown on the carbon copy of the original which has been in my possession since adoption by the Indian Territory Medical Association in June, 1902.19

19 This comprehensive provision for most, if not all, needs of planned organization is too long to include in this article on the History of the Indian Territory Medical Association so I have had photostatic copies made and have deposited these in the Archives of the Oklahoma Historical Society.
A condensed report of three paragraphs apparently based on our full report regarding the revision to meet the requirements of the American Medical Association has been sent me by Mr. Dick Graham, Executive Secretary, Oklahoma State Medical Association, as follows:

**METHOD OF ORGANIZATION OF DISTRICT MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Section one: It shall be the privilege of the members of the medical profession residing in any district of this Territory in which there is no District Association to organize a District Medical Association; provided that public notice of the meeting for that purpose be given, and that all non-sectarian physicians in good standing residing in the District be invited to join therein. Such association may elect its own officers and adopt any bylaws or set of rules for its government that do not contravene those of this association. In any district where no association exists the members of the profession may have the privilege of uniting with the Association of an adjoining district, which active membership shall continue only during the time that no organized Association exists in the district in which such physician resides. If, however, it is more convenient for one physician residing in one district to attend the meetings of an adjoining district, he may become an active member of such Association.

Section two: No one shall be eligible to membership in a district association who is not a regular graduate of a medical college recognized by the American Medical Association and a legal practitioner. Any such practitioner of good moral character and standing, who is willing to subscribe to the code of ethics of the American Medical Association shall be eligible as a candidate for membership in the district association of the district in which he or she resides, without restriction as to time of graduation or time of residence in the country other than ample time to allow investigation of his character and standing provided that no Negro shall be eligible to membership.

Section three: Any physician previously expelled or refused membership in the Territorial Association or who resigned therefrom cannot be admitted to membership in the District Association or reinstated except by written application, vouched for by two members in good standing, which must lay over at least one meeting and receive the unanimous vote of all members present. When a member resigns, or is expelled or is suspended from his District Association his relations with the Indian Territory Medical Association shall cease.

Fred S. Clinton  
B. F. Fortner  
LeRoy Long

This is an opportunity to pay homage to a few of the rugged pioneers who blazed the trail in this new empire of first impressions. These sturdy men of medicine, braved all inclement weather over bad roads, or lonesome trails, day or night, to personally examine and minister to their patients. They had no thought for their individual convenience, comfort or fear of exposure or fatigue when called to render professional service to one in need.

These men were leaders. They had training, improvement, and refinement of mind, morals, and taste. This enlightenment could
be and usually was a blessing and friendly helper in whatever community one of these distinguished doctors resided.

Many of the physicians and surgeons I have known since my first visit to the Indian Territory Medical Association meeting at South McAlester in 1895 have qualified as leaders in establishing rational medicine in this territory,20 by precept, example and practice: Benjamin F. Fortner, Vinita; E. N. Wright, Olney; J. C. W. Bland, Red Fork-Tulsa; E. N. Allen, South McAlester; Oliver Bagby, Vinita; Jesse L. Blakemore, Muskogee; Francis B. Fite, Muskogee; M. F. Williams, Muskogee; LeRoy Long, Caddo; Richard L. Fite, Tahlequah; Robert A. Munn, South McAlester; Geo. E. Hartshorne, South McAlester; J. F. Park, South McAlester; Thomas S. Booth, Ardmore; Walter Hardy, Ardmore; James S. Fulton, Atoka; Bascom J. Vance, Checotah; W. A. Howard, Chelsea; W. A. Tolleson, Eufaula; Geo. W. West, Eufaula; Leo E. Bennett, Eufaula; J. O. Callahan, Muskogee; Claude A. Thompson, Muskogee; Milton K. Thompson, Muskogee; William L. McWilliams, Miami; Frank L. Worthington, Miami; J. Hutchins White, Muskogee; E. Pleas, Oologah; Geo. W. Tilly, Pryor; R. V. Smith, Tulsa; Fred Y. Cronk, Tulsa; N. W. Mayginnis, Tulsa; C. P. Linn, Tulsa; L. S. Willour, South McAlester; A. M. Clinkscales, Vinita; Louis Bagby, Vinita; James D. Brazee, Wagoner; Isabel Cobb, Wagoner; Virgil Berry, Wetzumka; Thomas J. Long, Atoka; Hugh Scott, Holdenville; Geo. A. Kilpatrick, Wilburton; Frederick P. Von Keller, Ardmore; E. H. Troy, McAlester; William H. Cleckler, Wilburton; David Gardener, Lehigh; William T. Gardener, Ardmore; Alfred Griffith, South McAlester; Graham Street, South McAlester; F. E. Waterfield, Holdenville; R. J. Crabill, McAlester; C. D. Frick, McAlester; A. E. Davenport, Tishomingo; T. W. Stallings, Tulsa; J. C. Robinson, Krebs; Louis C. Tennant, McAlester; A. W. Foreman, Vinita; James M. Boling, Claremore; Joseph M. Thompson, Tahlequah; R. I. Bond, Hartshorne; L. Haynes Buxton, Oklahoma City; J. B. Rolater, Oklahoma City; Lewis J. Moorman (friend, teacher, and author), Oklahoma City, and many others who have given their lives to the profession.21

21 Lewis Jefferson Moorman, Physician, is a native of Kentucky. He graduated (M.D.) from the University of Louisville in 1901; and did post graduate work in New York Polyclinic Medical School, in 1903, and in the University of Vienna, in 1909. He came to Oklahoma and began practice at Jet in 1901. He moved to Oklahoma City, in 1907, which is still his home. He is the founder (1923) and medical director of the Moorman Farm Sanatorium, Oklahoma City; and has served as professor of medicine, University of Oklahoma, 1925-35, and as dean of School of Medicine, 1931-35. He is a member of the Oklahoma State Medical Association (President, 1920, and Secretary-Treasurer since 1941) and other state and county medical societies, as well as national and regional medical societies, in many of which he has held office including that of president. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the National Tuberculosis Society since 1920 (also, Vice-President 1932; President-elect, 1942-43; and President, 1943-44). He is Editor-in-Chief of the Journal, Oklahoma State Medical Association; Editor of the Bulletin,
The Indian Territory Medical Association convened at South McAlester, June 3, 1902, and was called to order, 10:30 a.m., by the president, Dr. Geo. W. West, of Eufaula, I.T. Invocation was given. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Motion to adjourn session to meet 2:30 p.m., June 3, 1902, prevailed. In response to inquiry the secretary answered that favorable report had been made on applications of Dr. W. H. Horine, and Dr. G. E. Hartshorne, and more time requested on Dr. R. S. Miller.

The Indian Territory Medical Association met at South McAlester, June 3, 1902, 2:30 p.m., with President West presiding. The address of welcome by Honorable Fielding Lewis, Mayor of South McAlester, made the members feel thrice welcome and the eloquent response by Dr. LeRoy Long was thrilling.

Dr. Geo. W. West, the president, delivered the annual address. The committee consisting of Doctors E. N. Allen, David Gardener, and V. Berry, was appointed to consider and made appropriate recommendations. The committee's report was received and placed with the records, and the committee discharged. The Committee on Necrology was given further time. The Committee on Reorganization, time extended. Papers by Dr. R. J. Crabill, Medical Examining Boards, discussed by D. Gardener, V. Berry, R. I. Bond, W. B. Pigg, J. S. Fulton, LeRoy Long, E. N. Allen, David Gardener, I. P. Gunby, Sherman, Texas, W. H. Cleckler, Wilburton, St. Cloud Cooper, Fort Smith, Ark., Discussion closed by R. J. Craybill. Motion to adjourn carried to meet at 9 p.m. at the banquet Hall.

On June 4, 1902, the president, Dr. Geo. W. West, called the Indian Territory Medical Association to order, and proceeded with the program:

Paper entitled "Pelvic Abscess", by Dr. V. Berry, Wetumka; Discussion by Dr. B. F. Fortner, Dr. Andrew L. Fulton, Kansas City, Mo., Dr. St. Cloud Cooper, Fort Smith, Ark., Fred S. Clinton, Tulsa.

Septic Infection, paper by Dr. David Gardener, Lehigh, received and discussed by Dr. B. L. Applewhite, Tecumseh, and Dr. A. L. Fulton, of Kansas City, Mo.,

Report of Committee on Credentials, see report.

Motion Carried to suspend regular order of business and proceed with election of officers.

Dr. David Gardner of Lehigh, I.T., nominated Dr. Fred S. Clinton, of Tulsa, for president. No other nominations presented. Motion prevailed to close the nominations and elect by acclamation. First vice-president, Dr. Charles D. Frick, South McAlester, elected by acclamation. Second

Oklahoma County Medical Society; and a member of the Editorial Board of the American Review of Tuberculosis (official organ of the American Trudeau Society). He is a contributor of scientific and philosophical articles to national and state publications, and is the author of Tuberculosis and Genius published in book form in 1940.—Ed.
vice-president W. O. Shannon, Durant, and Dr. R. J. Crabill, McAlester, Secretary and Treasurer, elected.


Motion prevailed to adjourn till 3 p.m.

Indian Territory Medical Association called to order by Pres. Geo. W. West, 3 P.M., June 4, 1902.

Report from Committee on Program; Practice, Dr. J. S. Fulton, Atoka, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. David Gardner, Lehigh, Surgery, Dr. I. P. Gunby, Sherman, Texas, Pediatrics, Dr. W. A. Tolleson, Eufaula.


Resolution adopted that the initiation fee annual dues to the Indian Territory Medical Association be two dollars. Committee on resolutions of appreciation: B. F. Fortner and Fred S. Clinton.

Resolutions of appreciation adopted by the Indian Territory Medical Association at the close of a most pleasant and profitable meeting in McAlester, Ind. Ter., June 3 and 4, 1902.

In view of the gracious hospitality and splendid welcome and co-operation by the medical profession and other citizens, therefore be it resolved by the members of the Indian Territory Medical Association in attendance at the 27th semi-annual session in South McAlester, that we express our enjoyment. We feel especially indebted to Doctors E. N. Allen, T. S. Chapman, W. E. Graves, Charles D. Frick, and other local members for many assists and especial attention toward securing from the Elks a meeting place for the Indian Territory Medical Association.

Committee
B. F. Fortner
Fred S. Clinton
South McAlester, I.T., June 3, 4, 1902.

Much has been said about the loss of the minutes and possibly other records. I have the notes from which my minutes were written, while I was secretary in 1901-2. All documents and records were turned over to my successor. I kept a carbon copy of reorganization revision, my printed address as president and copy of written report as delegate to the American Medical Association. I also have copies of most all correspondence in my files and of papers written and formal speeches delivered.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Indian Territory Medical Association met June 7, 1904, at Holdenville, Indian Territory, and the following officers were elected: President E. N. Wright, M.D., Olney; 1st Vice-president H. P. Wilson, M.D., Wynnewood; 2nd Vice-president F. L. Watson, M.D., Alderson; Secretary-
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In the election of Dr. E. N. Wright, of Olney, as President, the Association chose a citizen of the Choctaw Nation well known as a physician and surgeon in the Territory, who had a wide acquaintance in the eastern states. His address before the Association in its annual meeting at Tulsa, 1905, marked a milestone in the history of the organization when he urged the union of the Indian Territory and Oklahoma medical societies to strengthen the standing and work of the medical pro-

22 See Holdenville Times, May 20, 1904 (p. 5, col. 3) and June 10, 1904 (p. 1, cols. 5 & 6) for notice of preparations and for press report of the meeting, respectively. Trains were late owing to heavy rains and floods and Dr. J. W. Gilbert of Roff called the meeting to order. Address of welcome was given by W. T. McConnell, Cashier of the National Bank of Commerce, Holdenville; Dr. S. M. Benepe gave the welcome for the local profession; and Dr. B. F. Fortner gave the response. An interesting program including a featured lecture on surgery by Dr. R. M. Schaufler, Kansas City, and a banquet in the evening was attended by the visiting physicians and surgeons and all Holdenville, “the old, the young, the great, the small.” Physicians and surgeons attending the meeting included R. J. Crabill, W. G. Ramsey, G. E. Hartshorne, W. B. Pigg, J. E. Little, South McAlester; M. D. Taylor, Mounds; B. S. Zachary, Howe; A. H. Culp, Beggs; C. A. Skeen, Wapanucka; H. P. Wilson, Mill Creek; J. H. Simons and J. W. Shelton, Wynnewood; H. D. Fillmore, Randolphi; J. W. Gilbert, Roff; Fred S. Clinton, Tulsa; J. M. Lemons, Okmulgee; E. F. Davis, Oklahoma City; B. W. Caldwell, Hugo; E. N. Wright, Olney; I. C. Bushyhead, Claremore; J. C. W. Bland, Red Fork; B. F. Fortner, Vinita; W. L. McWilliams, Miami; W. A. Tolleson, Eufaula; T. J. Cagle and V. Berry, Wetumka; A. L. Fulton and R. M. Schaufler, Kansas City; W. C. Griffith, Welieetka; A. L. Anderson, Wilburton; J. R. Runyan, Ada; F. L. Watson, Alderson; R. K. Pemberton, Krebs; George W. West, Eufaula; W. E. Dixon, Wewoka; S. M. Rickey, Francis; R. P. Bond, Hartshorne. The Holdenville physicians reported were J. N. Proctor, J. D. Scott, A. M. Bulls, G. R. Eckles, H. A. Howell, F. E. Warterfield, C. P. Linn, S. M. Benepe, U. N. Melette, L. Hibbard, J. W. Long, H. C. Way.--Ed.

23 E. N. Wright, M. D., was born in the Choctaw Nation on April 3, 1858, the eldest son of the Rev. Allen and Harriet (Mitchell) Wright. He attended Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., and graduated (M.D.) from Albany Medical College, N. Y., in 1884. He took a post-graduate course in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, in 1894-95. Just after his return to his home at Boggy Depot, Choctaw Nation, he visited the annual session of the Choctaw General Council where he furthered the passage of “An Act to Regulate the Practice of Medicine in the Choctaw Nation,” approved on October 29, 1884, by Edmund McCurtain, Principal Chief. Dr. Wright served on the first Medical Board in the Choctaw Nation with Dr. L. C. Tennant, of McAlester, in 1885. At this time, he was practicing at Leihigh, as chief surgeon and physician of the Missouri-Pacific coal mines. In the summer of 1895, he located his practice at Atoka, and in 1901, moved to his farm and ranch near Olney where he made his home until shortly before his death on January 8, 1932. In a tribute to his memory, a friend stated in part (Dr. L. S. Willour, of McAlester, in Journal of the Oklahoma Medical Association, Vol. XXV, No. 2, pp. 85-6): “Alert to the latest developments in medicine, trained in methods of diagnosis, thorough yet conservative in treatment, he stood in this new country a tower of strength among his professional brethren.” For biography see “A Brief Review of the Life of Doctor Eliphalet Nott Wright” by Muriel H. Wright, Chronicles of Oklahoma, Vol. X, No. 2 (June, 1932), pp. 267-86. (N. B. On p. 273 [Chronicles, June, 1932] “1903” as the date of Dr. Wright’s election as president of the Indian Territory Medical Association should read “1904,” and “June 20, 1904” should read “June 20, 1905,” the date of his address before the Association at Tulsa.)—Ed.
session in the promised state of Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Medical Journal for July, 1905 (Vol. XIII, No. 7, pp. 182-3) presented the following editorial concerning this meeting:

MEETING OF THE INDIAN TERRITORY ASSOCIATION.

The Indian Territory Medical association held its twenty-fifth annual meeting at Tulsa, June 20, 21 and 22. This was one of the best meetings in its history. An excellent program was rendered, and the papers unusually good. The president's address, by Dr. E. N. Wright of Olney, I.T., was of unusual interest as he called attention to the laws of the territory being inadequate, and stated that the society was not in a transitory state—as the two territories—Oklahoma and Indian Territory—were promised joint statehood about March, 1906. He urged the two societies of Oklahoma and Indian Territory to consolidate their efforts in preparing suitable laws and getting them adopted.

A committee was appointed to report on the president's address and the following members were selected, Drs. B. F. Fortner, of Vinita; R. H. Harper, of Afton; M. K. Thompson, of Muskogee; J. S. Fulton, of Atoka; J. M. Pemberton, of Weleetka and J. R. Phelan, of Oklahoma City, was asked to meet with the committee, as the report was to involve matters of interest to both territories. The committee endorsed the president's address, and suggested the appointing of a committee of five to confer with a like committee to be appointed by the Oklahoma State Medical Society, to formulate plans looking to the ultimate consolidation of both territorial medical societies. As the laws of both territories are inadequate, it will be well to take time by the forelock and draw up such laws as will be required for the new state, and urge the election of such legislators as will favor such laws, in regardless of political party.

The committee appointed in June to lay plans for the ultimate consolidation of the two territorial societies met with a similar committee of the "Oklahoma State Medical Society" on July 12, and planned a joint meeting of the two societies to be held in Oklahoma City, the second Tuesday in May, 1906. This meeting was held at Oklahoma City, called to order by the President V. Berry, of Wetumka, on May 7-9, 1906, when the amalgamation of the physicians of Oklahoma and Indian Territory perfected the organization henceforth known as the "Oklahoma State Medical Association." Officers elected were: President, Dr. B. F. Fortner, Vinita; Vice-Presidents (in order), Dr. M. A. Kelso, Enid, Dr. W. C. Bradford, Shawnee, Dr. Floyd E. Waterfield, Holdenville; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. E. O. Barker, Guthrie. Delegates selected to the

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24 Full text of this address appears as Appendix G.
25 See Appendix H for report on the organization meeting of the Oklahoma Territorial Medical Society, 1893.
26 For the program of the Oklahoma and Indian Territory medical associations, in joint session, in Oklahoma City, May 7 to 9, 1906, see Oklahoma Medical News-Journal, Vol. XIV, No. 4 (April, 1906), pp. 110-12. See Appendix J for medical news and reports in Oklahoma and Indian Territories, in 1906, appearing in the Journal of the American Medical Association, and for list of presidents of the Indian Territory Medical Association.—Ed.
American Medical Association were Dr. Fred S. Clinton, Tulsa, and Dr. J. A. Hatchett, El Reno. Delegates selected for the next two years to the American Medical Association were Dr. V. Berry, Wetumka, and Dr. A. K. West, Oklahoma City. Councilors, whose duties were the same as organizers, for the new organization were selected. For the one year term were: Dr. A. L. Blesh, Guthrie; Dr. LeRoy Long, South McAlester; Dr. F. W. Duckworth, Claremore. For the two year term were: Dr. B. J. Vance, Checotah; Dr. E. N. Wright, Okney; Dr. Ney Neil, Mangum. For the three year term were: Dr. H. P. Wilson, Wynnewood; Dr. E. S. Lane, Weatherford.

An editorial in the *Oklahoma Medical News-Journal*, June, 1906 (Vol. XIV, No. 6, pp. 130-32), commented upon the new association, the strength and ability of its members, and the future of the organization as follows (in part): 28

**The Association Meeting.**

The Medical Profession of Oklahoma and Indian Territory are to be congratulated upon the harmonious and successful amalgamation of the two Societies into one compact and powerful association, which was accomplished at the last meeting of the two Societies in joint session in Oklahoma City. In accordance with the law of evolution, which is but another name for progress, the general tendency has always been from the simple to the complex, from individualism to association, and from the smaller unit to the larger. When we work in harmony with this idea, we align ourselves with the forces of nature and success is sure to be the outcome. . . . There is no doubt that the recent meeting was one of the most important if not the most important, that has ever been held in these two territories. It has marked an epoch in the history of medicine in the new state that is to be.

27 As the last delegate from the Indian Territory Medical Association, and one of the first delegates from the Oklahoma State Medical Association to the American Medical Association, I attended the meeting in Boston, June 5 to 8, 1906. I was most fortunate to have as traveling companions my wife, Mrs. Fred S. Clinton, Dr. B. F. Fortner, President of Oklahoma State Medical Association, and Dr. Thomas E. Potter, Professor of Surgery, Central Medical College, St. Joseph, Missouri. This congenial group joined the Missouri Valley Medical Association Special Train via Canada, under the management of Dr. Charles Wood Fassett, Editor of the *Kansas City Medical Index*.

We visited St. Louis, Chicago, Toronto, and went by boat on the St. Lawrence to Kingston, Montreal and Quebec, then by train through the Green Mountains to Boston. After the meeting we journeyed by boat to New York, and while Mrs. Clinton rested and visited the shops, we were guests of Dr. Arpad C. Gerster, Clinic at Mt. Sinai Hospital, and of Dr. Virgil P. Gibney, Surgeon in Chief, Hospital for Ruptured and Crippled, attending several excellent clinics. Then home safely.

28 See Appendix J and Appendix K for reference and source material in the compilation of this article; also, Appendix L for historical notes on the Epworth College of Medicine, Oklahoma City.
APPENDIX A

Reference: Muskogee Indian Journal, April 21, 1881, p. 5, col. 2, in Newspaper Department, Oklahoma Historical Society.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Muskogee, I.T., April 18, 1881.—At 2 P.M. a number of medical gentlemen met, pursuant to a circulated call, for a mass convention for the purpose of medical organization. The convention was called to order by Dr. B. F. Fortner, who nominated Dr. G. W. Cummings as chairman. The organization was completed by the election of Dr. Cutler as Vice-President, and Drs. Chas. Harris and B. F. Fortner as secretaries. The object of the meeting was presented by the chair, and committee appointed to draft Constitution and By-Laws. Adjourned till 9 a.m., April 19.

Muskogee, April 19, 1881. Convention met pursuant to adjournment, when the Constitution and By-Laws were adopted. The following officers were elected for one year, viz.:

President, B. F. Fortner.
Vice-Presidents—G. W. Cummings, F. McNair.
Secretary—M. F. Williams
Treasurer—R. B. Howard.
Librarian—E. P. Harris

Board of Censors—C. Harris, E. P. Harris, K. R. Cutler, W. T. Adair, W. H. Bailey.

Members Enrolled: B. F. Fortner, Claremore; R. O. Trent, Ft. Gibson; R. B. Howard, Ft. Gibson; E. Poe Harris, Savanna; K. R. Cutler, Okmulgee; W. H. Bailey, Eufaula; F. H. McNair, Cherokee Orphan Asylum; G. W. Cummings, M. F. Williams, Charles Harris, Muskogee.

Members Absent: S. F. Moore, Webbers Falls; A. J. Lane, Claremore; A. W. Foreman, Vinita; L. M. Cravens, Tahlequah; W. T. Adair, Tahlequah; E. B. Frazier, Vinita.


Papers on medical subjects were presented by Dr. L. M. Cravens and Dr. J. T. Clegg, which were read by the Secretary, and a vote of thanks extended to the authors.

Several interesting discussions took place on cases presented by the members.

The Association adopted the Code of Ethics of the American Medical Association as their guide:

"As good citizens, it is the duty of physicians to be ever vigilant for the welfare of the community, and to bear their part in sustaining its institutions and burdens; they should also be ever ready to give counsel to the public in relation to matters especially pertaining to their profession, as on subjects of medical police, public hygiene and legal medicine. It is their province to enlighten the public in regard to quarantine regulations, the location, arrangement and dietaries of hospitals, asylums, schools, prisons, and other similar institutions; in relation to medical police of towns, as drainage ventilation, etc., and in regard to measures for prevention of epidemic and contagious diseases, and when pestilence prevails, it
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is their duty to face the danger and to continue their labors for the alleviation of the suffering, even at the jeopardy of their own lives."

The Association then adjourned to meet at Muskogee at the call of the President, during the meeting of the International Fair Association.

M. F. Williams, Secretary.

(Cherokee Advocate please copy.)

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Dr. Fred S. Clinton
230 East Woodward Boulevard
Tulsa 5, Oklahoma.

Dear Dr. Clinton:

In reply to your letter of 12 December we have located a brief history of the Indian Territory Medical Association on p. 221 of the Transactions of the Joint Session of the Oklahoma State Medical Association with the Indian Territory Medical Association—1906.

This page is as follows:

THE INDIAN TERRITORY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

"Owing to the fact that some of the records have been lost it is impossible to give an accurate history of the Association, however Dr. E. N. Allen has furnished the following data from memory.

"The Association was organized in Muskogee, in May 1889, with about ten Charter Members. Dr. B. F. Fortner, of Vinita, was elected President and Dr. Oliver Bagby, of Vinita, Secretary.

"A semi-annual meeting was held in Vinita in December of the same year. The second annual meeting was held in June 1890 in McAlester, when Drs. Fortner and Bagby were both re-elected.

"The annual meeting for 1891, was held in South McAlester, in June and Dr. W. R. Thompson, then of Oklahoma City but now of Fort Worth, Texas, was elected President, and Dr. Bagby re-elected Secretary. In 1892 Dr. H. B. Smith, of McAlester now deceased, was elected President, and Dr. Bagby still Secretary, since that time among the secretaries have been Drs. Le Roy Long of South McAlester, Fred S. Clinton, of Tulsa, and Dr. Craybill.

"Dr. E. N. Allen of South McAlester, served as President during the years of 1897 and 1898, and at the time of the amalgamation of the two Associations, Dr. Virgil Berry of Wetumka was President and Dr. Floyd E. Waterfield of Holdenville was Secretary."

Sincerely yours,

Scott Adams
Acting, The Librarian
APPENDIX B

B. F. Fortner, M.D.
President
M. F. Williams, M.D.
Secretary
R. B. Howard, M.D.
Treasurer
THE INTERNATIONAL INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Muskogee I. T. Oct. 13th 1881

Hon. Saml. Checote
Prin. Chief Muskogee Nation
Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the International Indian Medical Association held at this place Sept 14 & 16th 1881. It was moved & unanimously carried that a committee of three Drs. Cutler Lindsey & Bailey be appointed to wait upon you & the members of Council. Urging that some legislation be adopted as will regulate the practice of Medicine & Surgery among the Creeks—as will admit of no non-citizen practising the same unless he shall appear before a board appointed for the purpose—and be examined or present such credentials as will permit him to practise & show that he has received a regular education in that line. This is not to be understood to interfere with the full blood Medicine Man—but to apply to white men & those married to Indian women—Praying you to assist the Com. to obtain such legislation—I have the honor to be

Your obt. Servant

(Signed) M. F. Williams Secy

(Copied from #39269, in file entitled "Creek-Doctors & Vaccination," in Indian Archives Division, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.)

APPENDIX C

BIOGRAPHY OF BENJAMIN F. FORTNER, M.D.

Benjamin F. Fortner, M.D., was born August 15, 1847, the third son of M. F. Fortner and his wife (nee Hall), natives of Kentucky, who were among the earliest settlers in the vicinity of Dallas, Texas. Benjamin F. Fortner attended private and public schools in Texas, volunteered in the Confederate States Army, and served until the end of the War when he returned home and again entered school. After his parents moved to Cane Hill, Arkansas, in 1866, he was a student in Cane Hill Academy and later taught a private school which he continued until 1868. In this year, he began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. W. B. Welch, a leading surgeon of Tennessee, subsequently attending a course of lectures at the Missouri Medical College, St. Louis, and graduating from the medical department of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, in 1872. He began the practice of medicine at Cane Hill the same year, in connection with Doctor Welch his former preceptor. He afterward made his home and practiced at different periods in Siloam Springs and in Fayetteville where for a time he was in partnership with Dr. Clinton S. Gray who was counted among the prominent physicians in Arkansas.

In 1879, Doctor Fortner located on his farm and ranch near Claremore, Cherokee Nation, where he engaged in the livestock business and continued his practice of medicine. The "Record of Marks and Brands," Cooweeakoowee District, Cherokee Nation, now in the Indian Archives of the Oklahoma Historical Society (Cherokee Vol. 52), lists Doctor Fortner's cattle brands from 1880 to 1886 (BF, V-, V-V), and other cattle marks.

In 1884, he settled at Vinita where he continued his practice and made his home until a short time before his death in 1917, with the exception of a brief period beginning with 1907 when he was in charge of the
In October, 1874, Doctor Fortner was united in marriage at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, to Miss Lucy Jennie Gunter, daughter of Cal Dean Gunter and his wife, Nancy (Ward) Gunter, who were of Cherokee descent. Doctor and Mrs. Fortner (born 1864, died 1928) were the parents of two daughters: Lucille who married Ewing Halsell; and Grace who married O. L. Rider. Doctor Fortner died suddenly from heat attack on September 23, 1917, at his country home and fruit farm near Rogers, Arkansas, to which he had just recently moved. Funeral services were conducted with Masonic rites and interment was at Fairview Cemetery, Vinita, Oklahoma, on September 25, 1917.

Aside from his profession, Doctor Fortner was held in highest regard as a citizen in the civic, educational, and religious life of his community. He became a Director of the First National Bank of Vinita in 1892. He was President of the Board of Galloway College (later Willie Halsell Institute) established by the Methodist Church at Vinita, in 1888, and also served on the Board of Worcester Academy at Vinita for a period. Though engaged in heavy practice, he took time to superintend a Sunday school for seven consecutive years. He was a Mason, a member of Knights of Pythias and other fraternal orders. In addition to serving as President of the Indian Territory Medical Association and later the Oklahoma State Medical Association, he had served as the President of the Medical Association of Northwestern Arkansas. He was honorary member of the State Medical Association of Arkansas and a member of the American Association of Railway Surgeons. For many years, he was surgeon for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway, also for the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway, and numerous insurance companies.

Doctor Fortner was a man of fine presence and physique. As an outstanding citizen, his many friends paid him tribute for his big heart, generosity, and capable and conscientious counsel. In his profession, he ranked among the highest as a physician, and as a surgeon, he was distinguished for his skill and success, in the Indian Territory and adjoining states.—Ed. (M.H.W.)

APPENDIX D

Reference: The Wagoner Record—Wagoner, I. T., December 7, 1899, page 8, col. 3 (Oklahoma Historical Society).

TERRITORY DOCTORS, THEY ENJOY A SUCCESSFUL SESSION IN WAGONER.

The Indian Territory Medical Association met here Tuesday in regular semi-annual session, and a good number of fine looking doctors attended.

On Tuesday evening at 8:30 a musicale was given the doctors in Cobb's Hall. Some splendid music was rendered by Professors Hiller and Appy, and Miss Dodge. Miss Alberta Lincoln recited a piece which took down the house. But what pleased the audience most was the song "September," by Mrs. Freeman. Few people in this country have a finer voice than Mrs. Freeman, and when it is announced that she will sing a song people know they will hear something worth listening to.

The welcome address on this occasion was delivered by City Attorney DeRoos Bailey, which was responded to by Dr. G. A. McBride, president
of the Association. The Doctor’s address was so good that we publish it:

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After the musicale the vast audience repaired to the banquet hall, where three tables full length of an 80-foot building, heavily laden with good things to eat, was awaiting them. Dr. J. D. Brazeeel presided as toast master, and the toasts were responded to in a manner that pleased all—made them laugh heartily and enjoy their supper.

The feast was prepared by J. H. and Tom Roark. Many were the bouquets thrown at them—not only on account of so many good things to eat, but on account of the able and orderly manner in which it was served.

The meeting was one of the best ever held in the Indian Territory. The doctors adjourned late Wednesday afternoon to meet again in Wagoner on June 5 and 6, next year.

APPENDIX E

Reference: The Wagoner Record, Wagoner, Indian Territory, Thursday, June 21, 1900, p. 1, col. 3 (Oklahoma Historical Society).

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

The Physicians of the Indian Territory in Convention.

Their Regular Semi-Annual Meeting Held Tuesday and Wednesday

The Indian Territory Medical Association held its regular convention in this city Tuesday and Wednesday. Dr. G. A. McBride, of Fort Gibson, president of the Association, called the meeting to order at 1 o’clock P.M., after which Rev. E. L. Massey offered an invocation to duty.

An interesting program, which had been prepared for the occasion, was taken up and a number of interesting papers were read and discussed.

The program follows:

PRACTICE

W. B. Pigg, South McAlester, Chairman.

1. Address by chairman.
7. The Man at the Head of the Table—R. J. Crabill, Allen.

PAEDIATRICS

E. Pleas, Oolagah, Chairman.

1. Address by Chairman
3. Practical Classification of Infantile Diarrheal Disease, Including Treatment—A. W. Herron, Adair.
The regular election of officers resulted as follows:
President, Dr. LeRoy Long, Caddo.
First Vice-President, Dr. Gardner, South McAlester.
Second Vice-President, Dr. J. N. Fain, Wagoner.
Secretary, Dr. Fred S. Clinton, Tulsa.

The place of holding the next meeting of the Association brought about a pretty little fight. Wagoner, Muskogee, Vinita and South McAlester were presented for consideration of the members. On first ballot the vote
stood, Vinita 10, Wagoner 7, South McAlester 6, Muskogee 5. It was moved that all except Vinita be dropped and that it be declared the next meeting place. The vote on the motion stood fourteen and fourteen and the president having the casting of the deciding vote declared the motion had carried. However, there was some dissatisfaction and a motion to reconsider prevailed and Muskogee captured the prize.

The convention was made up of workers. They went to work on their arrival and continued working until their departure. They were here for business and went about all matters in a business way. They are truly a representative body of gentlemen and it is an honor to any town to entertain them during their semi-annual meetings.

APPENDIX F


MEDICS MEET

The 24th Semi-Annual Meeting of the Indian Territory Medical Association—Closes its Session, Many Interesting Papers were Read and Discussed, and Light Refreshments Served. Enchanting Music, Merriment and Song.

The most successful and interesting meeting of the Medical Association of the Indian Territory held in this city, closed today. The attendance was large, and the papers and addresses of members was of a high order. At one o'clock yesterday the Association was called together in the Masonic Hall. The session was opened by a fervent prayer offered by the Rev. C. L. Browning, pastor of the Methodist Church of this city and the address of welcome on behalf of the Mayor and citizens of Vinita was made by Attorney Luman F. Parker, who in a short, happy strain welcomes the visitors to Vinita, and he was followed by Dr. Fortner, who on behalf of the medical profession of the place extended a cordial welcome to the medical gentlemen in attendance. The response was made by Dr. J. N. Jackson, a prominent physician and surgeon of Kansas City. Dr. Jackson spoke flatteringly of the reception of the people of Vinita had extended to the visitors and complimented the town highly.

After these preliminaries were through with, the business of the meeting began. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the call of the roll, a number of papers were read and discussion followed.

At 9 p.m. a gay throng of town people met the visitors at the hall, and with music and light refreshments the time was pleasantly spent until a late hour.

(2) Reference: The Indian Journal, Eufaula, Indian Territory, June 14, 1901, p. 4, col. 2 (Oklahoma Historical Society).

TERRITORY PHYSICIANS

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HAS CLOSED ITS MEETING AT VINITA

Vinita, I.T., June 8, The Indian Territory Medical Association has just closed an important semi-annual session here. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: G. W. West, Eufaula, president; Louis Bagby, Vinita, vice-president; W. E. Harley, Durant, second vice-president; Fred S. Clinton, Tulsa, secretary and treasurer. The next meeting will be held in Muskogee in December.
South McAlester: The Indian Territory Medical Association closed its semi-annual session here. The usual technical subjects were ably discussed and a great deal of time was used in discussing how the territory might be rid of quackery. The next meeting will be in Muskogee. Officers were chosen for the ensuing year as follows: Fred S. Clinton, Tulsa, president; C. D. Frick, South McAlester, first vice-president; W. O. Shannon, Durant, second vice-president; R. H. Crabill, Wilburton, secretary and treasurer.


Indian Territory Medical Association—the thirty-seventh semi-annual meeting of this Association was held in South McAlester, June 4. The chief topic of discussion was regarding the best methods to drive quacks out of the territory. In the Choctaw Nation the examining board gives a severe written test for all applicants to practice, regardless of what credentials they may bring or how long they have practiced medicine elsewhere. Doctors refusing to take or failing to pass the examination are forbidden to practice, under penalty of expulsion from the Territory. Other nations are less rigid, and the tenor of the discussion was for more strictness. The following officers were elected:

Dr. Fred S. Clinton, Tulsa, president; Drs. Charles D. Frick, South McAlester, and W. O. Shannon, Durant, vice-presidents, and Dr. R. J. Crabill, Wilburton, secretary and treasurer. The next meeting will be held at Muskogee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS
1902

We, undersigned committee on Credentials beg leave to report favorably on the following-named gentlemen:


We ask for further time on applications of following named gentlemen:

Willis M. Hunter, Vian, I.T.; Wm. Cobb, Okmulgee, I.T.; Bascom J. Vance, Checotah, I.T.; Graham Street, South McAlester, I.T.

(Signed) B. F. Fortner, Chmn.
LeRoy Long
W. A. Tolleson

APPENDIX G


THE PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS
By Dr. E. N. Wright, Olney, Ind. Ter.

The president’s address before the Indian Territory Medical association, at its annual meeting in Tulsa, I.T. June 20, 1905.
Gentlemen:—Appreciating the importance of the work to be accomplished by us at this meeting of our association, I beg your leniency, and beseech your support, recognizing that co-operation is necessary to success. It is with a feeling of pride that we look back over a decade of years, and see our association struggling in its infancy, until today it stands equal in strength and importance to many of the state organizations older than ourselves. Its members old and experienced, whose work is recognized by the best ability in the land, and members, though young in experience, able, conscientious, and ambitious for the highest standard of work. It is my hope that this meeting may give encouragement and zeal; and may map out such steps for a future organization that will combine unity and strength; and a standard of such excellence for the physician of the Indian Territory, that will be recognized the world over.

We at this meeting occupy a very unique position, in that it is the transition period from Territory to Statehood. If anything is to be done towards uplifting our professional standing, and the protection of the two million souls, who will step into statehood with us before our next meeting, the beginning must be made now.

The twin territories (Oklahoma and Indian Territory) are promised statehood about March, 1906, forming the State of Oklahoma, which I hope we will live to see.

The physicians of Oklahoma Territory are living under laws created by the territorial legislature, which I understand are inadequate. The physicians of the Indian Territory are practicing under laws passed by congress for the protection of the profession and her people, which I must admit is absolutely inadequate, this being due, not so much to the law, but incompetency of some of the boards. To sustain this statement, I will state the conditions, and find if possible the cause for so much dissatisfaction existing among the physicians of this territory, and I must admit that they had a right to complain. When we go into statehood, we do not want to come under the Oklahoma Territory laws, and I am sure the physicians of Oklahoma do not want to come under ours. But I think we all will agree to come under one new state law. In order to accomplish this, I would suggest that we at this meeting make the first step looking towards organizing the two territorial associations into one, before the statehood bill passes, thereby getting unity of action, so that our committee on legislation may be organized for work. Every day we see around us the lawyers, business men, farmers, and all other organizations, whetting their political axes to elect members from their respective ranks to protect their interests in the coming statehood organization, and what are the physicians doing? The strongest organization in the two territories, as they are in closer touch in their every day life than all others combined; sitting still doing nothing. From the foundation of the several states, and especially the establishing of the United States, the grandest country today, when she determined to stand independent, and so declared by the Declaration of Independence, we find among the signers Dr. Benjamin Rush, a man recognized for his great medical ability, also called to assist in the affairs of state, creating this great declaration; and just here I would state that this association could do nothing more befitting to his honor, as one of our profession than to demand that his name be placed in the Hall of Fame.

We must lay aside all personal feelings, political and others, and get to work, to secure such laws in relation to the practice of medicine, that will protect our people from quackery, and elevate our professional standard, that all other states may point to us with pride. Be not de-
ceived that this is an easy proposition; but it will call upon our every resource to accomplish it. Although it is interesting and instructive to hear the different articles that will be presented at this meeting, still I feel the importance of the work suggested is so great to us individually and collectively, that we can well afford to cut short the program and give most of the time to it. Every year we see through the press and journals, efforts being made in the different state legislatures, to correct and improve the laws relative to the practice of medicine, which shows to us their inadequacy. To obviate such work and expense upon our organization in the future, I think now is the time to work. There are several other matters, that were the conditions different, I should mention in this address; but since we are in this transitory state, they would be of no benefit.

APPENDIX H


A TERRITORIAL MEDICAL SOCIETY ORGANIZED

Persuant to a call published in the April number of the Journal, the Physicians whose names appear on another page met at the Commercial Club Rooms in Oklahoma City on Tuesday, May 9th, 1893 at 3:30 p.m., and organized, a Territorial Medical Society. The meeting was called to order by Dr. W. R. Thompson of Oklahoma City. Dr. E. O. Barker, of Guthrie, was elected temporary Chairman, and Dr. J. E. Fenelon, of Norman, temporary Secretary.

On motion the Chairman was instructed to appoint a committee of five on permanent organization,

Dr. T. A. Cravens, of Oklahoma City; Dr. J. A. Overstreet, of Kingfisher; Dr. W. P. Camp, of Tecumseh; Dr. N. W. Mayginnes, of Stillwater; Dr. H. P. Halsted, of Guthrie, were appointed.

On motion the chair appointed a committee on Constitution and By-Laws as follows: Dr. B. L. Applewhite, of Tecumseh; Dr. W. R. Thompson, of Oklahoma City; Dr. C. D. Arnold, of El Reno. Committee on permanent organization was given fifteen minutes in which to report; and reported as follows:—For President Dr. De Los Walker of Oklahoma City; Vice Presidents, Dr. H. P. Halsted, of Guthrie; Dr. J. C. Mahr of Tecumseh; Dr. J. A. Ryan, of Oklahoma City; Dr. W. H. Snow, of Norman; Dr. S. M. Barnes, of Stillwater. For Secretary Dr. C. D. Arnold, of El Reno; for Treasurer, Dr. E. J. Trader, of Council Grove.

The report was adopted but afterward reconsidered and the number of Vice Presidents reduced to one, and Dr. E. O. Barker, of Guthrie elected to fill that office.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws recommended the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Indian Territory Medical Society, with some few changes. Report of Committee adopted.

A Board of Censors as provided by the Constitution was appointed by the President, which consists of three members as follows: Dr. A. A. Davis, of El Reno; Dr. J. E. Fenelon, of Norman; and Dr. J. A. Overstreet, of Kingfisher, to serve one, two and three years respectfully. The Board of Censors then proceeded to pass upon the credentials of applicants for membership. The following named gentlemen applied for membership and were declared eligible:—W. H. Clutter, J. M. Carson, W. H. Snow, E. J.
Committees on the different sections were appointed as follows:—On General Practice; Dr. J. A. Hatchett, Dr. T. A. Cravens, Dr. H. P. Halsted. On Surgery; Dr. J. A. Overstreet, Dr. W. R. Thompson, Dr. J. M. Still. On Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Dr. J. E. Fenelon, Dr. N. W. Mayginnes.

The Oklahoma Medical Journal was adopted as the official organ of the Oklahoma Territorial Medical Society.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Henry Will for the courtesy extended in the use of his hall for the meeting.

Society then adjourned to meet at El Reno the first Thursday in November at one o'clock P. M.

C. D. Arnold, 
Secretary.

De Los Walker, 
President.

APPENDIX I


MEDICAL NEWS—Oklahoma and Indian Territory Society Meeting.

The Oklahoma and Indian Territory medical association held a joint meeting in Oklahoma City, May 7, 8 and 9, under the presidency of Dr. Newton N. Rector, Hennessey, president of the Oklahoma State Medical Association. The address of welcome was delivered by Dr. Arch K. West, Oklahoma City, and responded to on behalf of the Indian Territory Association by its president, Dr. Virgil Berry, Wetumka, and on behalf of the Oklahoma association by Dr. A. L. Blesh, Guthrie, chairman of the council. The house of delegates adopted a resolution that hereafter the rules and by-laws of the association conform with those of the American Medical Association. Dr. Jabez N. Jackson, Kansas City, Mo., guest of the association, delivered an address on the standing of the medical fraternity in the West, and on the future of the organization. The association adopted the title of Oklahoma State Medical Association, pending the union of Oklahoma and Indian Territory into one state. The following officers were elected: Dr. Benjamin F. Fortner, Vinita, I. T., president; Drs. Mahlon A. Kelso, Enid, Okla., Walter C. Bradford, Shawnee, Okla., and Floyd E. Waterfield, Holdenville, I. T., vice-presidents; Dr. Eugene O. Barker, Guthrie, Okla., secretary and treasurer; and Drs. Fred S. Clinton, Tulsa, I. T., and John A. Hatchett, El Reno, Okla., delegates to the American Medical Association. The following councilors were elected: Drs. A. L. Blesh, Guthrie, LeRoy Long, South McAlester, I. T., Franklin M. Duckworth, Claremore, I. T., Bascom J. Vance, Checotah, I. T., Eliphalet N. Wright, Oiney, I. T., Ney Neill, Mangum, Oklahoma, Herbert P. Wilson, Wynnewood, I. T., Everett S. Lain, Weatherford, Oklahoma, James H. Medaris, Helena, Okla., and Gregory A. Wall, Oklahoma City. Shawnee was selected as the next place of meeting, and $100 was subscribed for the relief of the physicians of San Francisco.
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Northern District Medical Society: At a meeting of this society in Pryor Creek, Dr. William T. Tilley, Pryor Creek, was elected president and Dr. Robert H. Harper, Afton, secretary.

Fifteenth District Medical Society: The physicians of the Fifteenth district met in South McAlester, June 30, on call of Dr. Eliphalet N. Wright, Olney, councilor for the central district, to organize a new society in conformity with the new arrangements under statehood.

Tulsa County Medical Society: The physicians of Tulsa met July 7, with Dr. B. J. Vance, Checotah, Councilor for the Western District and organized a medical society on the standard plan with the following officers: Dr. J. C. W. Bland, Tulsa, president; Dr. W. Albert Cook, Tulsa, vice-president; Dr. C. L. Reeder, secretary, and Dr. C. T. Henderson, treasurer. Drs. Kennedy, Hawley and Webb, censors.

Twenty-sixth Recording District Medical Society: On June 8, a medical society was organized at Marietta by Dr. Herbert P. Wilson, Wynnewood, councilor for the Southern District. Of the twenty-four physicians in the district, twenty were present and were enrolled as charter members. The following officers were elected: Dr. A. E. Martin, Marietta, president; Dr. Benjamin S. Gardner, Marietta, vice-president, and Dr. John D. Batson, Marietta, secretary and treasurer.

Twenty-first Recording District Medical Society: At the meeting of the physicians of the Twenty-first recording district, held in Ardmore, July 19, Dr. Herbert P. Wilson, Wynnewood, councilor for the Southern District, presided and an organization was formed, to include the county in which Ardmore is situated when the counties are laid out for the new state of Oklahoma. The constitution and by-laws recommended by the American Medical Association were adopted. Dr. Philip H. Stephens Ardmore, was elected president; Dr. William T. Bogle, Ardmore, vice-president, and Dr. Robert H. Alvis, Ardmore, secretary and treasurer; Dr. Thomas S. Booth, delegate to the State Medical Society, and Dr. Jerome C. McNees, Ardmore, alternate.


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Twenty-third District Medical Association: A meeting for the organization of this society was held in Coalgake, when the councilor for the central district, Dr. Eliphalet N. Wright, Olney, organized a society on the standard plan, with the following officers: President, Dr. Thomas J. Long, Atoka; vice-president, Dr. N. P. Skeen, Wapanucka, and secretary and treasurer, Dr. Leonard S. Willour, Olney (later of McAlester).

PRESIDENTS OF THE INDIAN TERRITORY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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APPENDIX J

THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS
Washington, 25, D. C.

Reference Department
Serials Division

November 24, 1947

Dear Dr. Clinton:

Your letter of November 17, 1947, has been referred to the Serials Division for attention and reply.

A search of the Indian Chieftan, Vinita (Indian Territory), Oklahoma for the period 1885-88 fails to locate any reference to the Indian Territory Medical Association.

I regret that due to the press of official work more time cannot be devoted to your request. However, I have listed below certain Oklahoma newspapers and periodicals available in Oklahoma libraries which may contain the information about which you inquire.

The Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma City, has an incomplete file for 1876-1892.

Cherokee Advocate. Weekly. Tahlequah.
The Oklahoma Historical Society has an incomplete file for 1870-1906. The University of Oklahoma at Norman, has an incomplete file from 1873-1906.

The Oklahoma Historical Society has 1904 to date.

Southwest Journal of Medicine and Surgery. Published by the Oklahoma State Medical Association at various times at Oklahoma City, El Reno and Guthrie. Ran from 1893-1922. No file located in Oklahoma, but the U. S. Surgeon General’s office, Washington, D.C., is credited with a complete file.

We have talked to the National Archives, here in Washington and were informed that additional information is available in the Indian Office Archives there. I am therefore referring your letter to that office for further attention.

Very truly yours

A. B. EVANS
Chief, Serials Division
My dear Dr. Clinton:

The National Archives has received by reference from the Library of Congress your letter of November 17, 1947, concerning the history of the Indian Territory Medical Association. We have also today received your letter of December 16, 1947, concerning this matter.

A careful search of the records of the office of Indian Affairs and the Office of the Secretary of the Interior in the National Archives has failed to reveal any reference to this organization in these files. The files show that the practice of medicine in the Indian Territory was governed by the laws of the several Indian nations of the Territory. The records further show that any inquiries received by the Office of Indian Affairs or the Office of the Secretary of the Interior concerning the practice of medicine in the Indian Territory were referred to the Indian agent at Muskogee. It is therefore suggested that, if you have not already done so, you address inquiries to the Oklahoma Historical Society, Historical Society Building, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, which has custody of the records of the Five Civilized Tribes, and to the Five Civilized Tribes Agency of the Office of Indian Affairs at Muskogee, Oklahoma, which has custody of the records of that agency since its establishment.

It is regretted that we have not been able to be of more assistance than this to you in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

Herman Kahn, Director
Natural Resources Records Division

APPENDIX K

References: JOURNAL OF AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

1897 vol. 29 page 250 Semi-annual meeting of Indian Terr. M.A., election of officers

1898 30 1001 Okla. Terr. M.A., notice of meeting with list of papers
1244 Indian Terr. M.A., notice of meeting
1481 Indian Terr. M.A., reg. semi-annual meet., election of officers
929 Indian Terr. M.S., mentioned under list of medical societies entitled to representation at A.M.A.

1899 32 1312 Indian Terr. M.A., notice of meeting
33 1489 Okla. M.A., semi-annual meeting

1900 34 1669 Indian Terr. M.A., meeting, election of officers
35: 768 Indian Terr.—appointments
1646 Indian Terr. 24th semi-annual meeting
1901 36 1412 Okla. M.A., 9th annual meeting
1575 Indian Terr. M.A., annual meeting
1799 Indian Terr. M.A., annual meeting, election of officers
37 335,842 Oklahoma state news
1011 Oklahoma practice laws (Queries & Minor Notes): practice of medicine in Territory of Oklahoma
1265 Oklahoma Terr. M.A., coming meeting

1902 38 51 Oklahoma County (Okla.) M.A., 2nd meeting and officers
521 Indian Territory news items
39 215 Indian Territory M.A., 37th semi-annual meeting—topic of discussion best methods to drive quacks out of territory
216 Oklahoma M.A., 10th annual session
444 Indian Terr. M.A., 27th semi-annual meeting—important business of reorganization in conformity with recommendations of A.M.A.

1903 40 598 Oklahoma Terr. M.A., annual meeting, election of officers
1157 New Oklahoma law regulating medical practice in that territory
1667 Oklahoma M. Soc. 11th annual meeting
1786 Indian Terr. M.A., 23rd semi-annual meeting, election of officers
41 1038 Indian Terr. Northern District M. Soc. organized

1904 42 721 Indian Terr. practice of medicine in, requirements (Queries & Minor Notes)
1365 Oklahoma Terr.—news items
1373 Oklahoma State M. A., reorganization
43 1904 Medical practice act of Indian Territory

1905 44 410 Indian Territory report
484 Oklahoma—news items
382 Indian Territory—medical news
45 652 Indian & Oklahoma Terr. M.A., decide to hold joint meeting
330 News items—Oklahoma—(1 in particular) charter issued July 31, 1905 to Oklahoma State M. A.
1416 Oklahoma—news items

1905 vol. 45 page 1807 Indian Territory—news items

1906 46 441, 965, 1295 and 1706 Oklahoma—news items
899, 1618 Indian Territory—medical news
295 Indian Territory 16th District M. Soc. organized
Indian Territory M.A., votes to merge with Oklahoma M.A.
1630 Oklahoma M.A., resolution on minimum fee of $5.00 for examination
1778 Oklahoma and Indian Terr. M.A., joint meeting May 7, 8 & 9, 1906
47 517, 1496, 1749 Oklahoma—news items
715 Indian Terr. M. Soc. notices of various meetings
1583 Indian Terr. 23rd District M.A., organized
If available in your local public or medical library, see also Polk's Medical Directory, 1890-1906 where you will find Laws, Societies and Officers, of the Indian Territory Medical Association.

**APPENDIX L**

NOTES ON EPWORTH COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, OKLAHOMA CITY

The Methodist Churches sponsored the Epworth University of Oklahoma City, and it sponsored the Epworth College of Medicine from 1904 to 1910, when it was by negotiation transferred into the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine.


**HISTORY OF MEDICINE**

This is an exact copy of this faculty from the catalogue for 1905 and 1906:

T. C. Jones, M.A., L.L.D., Acting President of University.
A. K. West, M.D., Professor P & P of Medicine, Dean of Faculty.
H. Coulter Todd, A.B., M.D., Professor of Descriptive & Surgical Anatomy, Secretary of the Faculty.
W. J. Jolly, M.D., Professor of Surgery.
L. Haynes Buxton, M.D., Professor of Ophthalmology.
U. L. Russell, M.D., Professor of Gynaecology.
R. T. Edwards, M.D., Professor of G.U. & Skin Diseases.
F. C. Hoopes, M.D., Professor of Rhinology and Otolaryngology.
L. A. Riley, A.M., M.D., Professor of Pathology, Histology & Bacteriology.
H. Coulter Todd, A.B., M.D., Instructor Clinical Surgery.
L. A. Riley, M.A., M.D., Instructor Clinical Medicine.
J. A. Reck, M.D., Instructor Electro-Therapeutics.
W. T. Salmon, M.D., Instructor Clinical Ophthalmology.
E. S. Ferguson, M.D., Instructor in Minor Surgery.
Wm. T. Boy, M.D., Professor Materia-Medica, Therapeutics & Toxicology
J. B. Rolater, M.D., Professor Clinical Surgery.
R. T. Schaefer, M.D., Professor Obstetrics.
R. M. Howard, M.D., Ass't to Surgery.
W. A. Fullington, M.D., Ass't to Chair of Anatomy & Demonstrator.
W. A. Lyle, M.D., Ass't to Chair of Anatomy & Demonstrator.

In 1906 and 1907, the school established a full four years course and had students in all the classes. The general catalogue for this year, however, only gives the names of the Dean, A. K. West, M.D., and the Secretary, H. Coulter Todd, A.M., M.D., the Medical catalogue cannot be found.

In 1907, Epworth College of Medicine became a separate corporation from Epworth University, each member of the Corporation paying $1000.00, with which the Angelo Hotel on the northwest corner of 6th & Broadway was purchased for $19,000.00, rebuilt and equipped for the Medical School. The following men were among those who entered the Corporation paying $1,000.00 each:

A. D. Young, M.D.,
R. F. Schaefer, M.D.,
A. K. West, M.D.,
E. F. Davis, M.D.,
A. L. Blesh, M.D.,
L. H. Buxton, M.D.,
H. C. Todd, M.D.,
L. A. Riley, M.D.,
U. L. Russell, M.D.,
J. W. Riley, M.D.,
E. S. Ferguson, M.D.,
W. J. Wallace, M.D.,
Horace Reed, M.D.,
W. J. Jolly, M.D.,
R. M. Howard, M.D.,
J. M. Postelle, M.D.,
After the purchase of the building at 6th & Broadway, which was remodelled with the Class Rooms and Laboratories well equipped for teaching, Epworth College of Medicine grew with great rapidity. None of the students' tuitions was paid as salary to any of the teachers. Their services were given free. All the money from tuition was put into equipment so that the school became quite creditably maintained in its laboratories and other appointments.

APPENDIX M
OUR NEIGHBORS

Distinguished medical men from the States were always welcome by the Indian Territory Medical Association. This policy was a look far ahead. It was the exercise of foresight and care for the future. These successful students and teachers of medicine brought mental or spiritual light and professional knowledge to help our patients and the communities. Many even joined from other states. The names of a few will be recalled from memory. Dr. H. Moulton, Fort Smith, Ark.; Dr. B. Hatchet, Fort Smith, Ark.; Dr. St. Cloud Cooper, Fort Smith, Ark.; Dr. Simon B. Langworthy, Leavenworth, Kan.; J. P. Kaster, M.D., Chief Surgeon, Santa Fe Railway, Topeka, Kan.; E. F. Yancey, M.D., Chief Surgeon, M.K.&T. Ry., Sedalia, Mo.; From Kansas City, Mo. came John Binnie, A.M., M.B., C.M., Prof. Surg. Pathology and Clinical Surgery, Kansas City, Medical College; Thomas J. Beattle, M.D., Clinical Professor of Gynecology, Kansas City Medical College; A. H. Cordler, M.D., Professor of Abdominal Surgery, University Medical College; H. C. Crowell, M.D., Clinical Gynecology, University Medical College; Andrew L. Fulton, M.D., Professor Clinical and Operative Surgery, Kansas City Medical College; George Halley, M.D., Professor of Principles and Practice of Clinical Surgery, University of Medical College; Arthur Hertzler, A.M., Ph.D., M.D., Professor and Demonstator of Histology and Pathology and Bacteriology, University Medical College; Jabez N. Jackson, A.M., M.D., Professor of Surgery, University Medical College, and President of the American Medical Association 1927; John Punton, M.D., Professor of Nervous and Mental Diseases, University Medical College, Kansas City, Mo.; Robert T. Sloan, A.M., M.D., Professor Clinical Medicine and Practice, Kansas City Medical College; Flavel B. Tiffany, A.B., M.D., Professor Ophthalmology, University Medical College; Jacob Block, M.D., Called “The Prince of Diagnosticians”, S. A. Grantham, M.D., Bone Surgery, Joplin, Mo. From St. Louis, Mo.: George W. Cale, Jr., Chief Surgeon, Frisco Railway; Harvey G. Mudd, M.D., Professor Fractures and Dislocations and Clinical Surgery, Washington University; Ellsworth S. Smith, M.D., Professor of Medicine, Washington University; F. W. Floyd, St. Louis, Mo.; Emery Lanchear, M.D., St. Louis, Mo.; Charles M. Rosser, M.D., Dallas, Texas, Attending Surgeon, Baylor University Hospital; James A. Foltz, M.D., Chief Surgeon, Ft. Smith & Western R.R., Ft. Smith; Bacon Saunders, M.D., Chief Surgeon, Fort Worth and Denver, Col., and Wichita Valley
The Indian Territory Medical Association

R. R.'s, Professor of Surgery and Clinical Surgery of the Medical Department of Fort Worth University, Texas.

All of these men, without exception, so far as I know contributed their time, abilities, and expenses, which was a practical, generous, and invaluable aid, in those important days of beginnings.

The above is just a sample list, many others made their contributions also.

F. S. C.

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Mrs. Louise M. Whitham, Tulsa Historical Society, Tulsa.
Dick Graham, Executive Secretary, Oklahoma State Medical Association.
Jesse L. Blakemore, M.D., Muskogee.
E. N. Wright M.D., Okney.
George E. Harshorne, M.D., Tulsa.
J. S. Fulton, M.D., Atoka.
V. Berry, M.D., Okmulgee.
Grant Foreman, Muskogee.
Paul Fesler, Oklahoma City.
Public Library, Tulsa.

The writer wishes to express appreciation to each of the above for assistance in the hunt for the hidden and fleeing facts concerning the first twenty-five years of the life of the Indian Territory Medical Association. I earnestly appeal to all persons to continue this search until we find the complete and authentic history. Send me any documented information, please.

Finally I wish to thank my wife, Beulah Jane Clinton, for active aid, and members of the staff of the Oklahoma Historical Society for helpful cooperation and search.