influence was gone. We fear the senior editor of the *American Practitioner* was elevated too early for his years. An ex-President of the Association should have some influence, and it should be in the body which has made him distinguished. With many others who have known him for years we sincerely regret the position he has taken. In the welfare and interest of the Association we hope to see Dr. Yandell at St. Louis in May next, and if his Kentucky eloquence can convince the American Medical Association that they have gone astray, we will cordially admit it. We are sorry Dr. Yandell has taken the course he has—we can only pity him.

TRUTH.

DISINFECTION OF CATHETERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL:

Dear Sir:—Permit me in this day of "catheter fever" to offer to your readers my mode of disinfecting catheters. Dr. Alexander Skene says that when he cut into his catheters which had lain several days in a strong solution of carbolic acid, they still contained micrococci underneath the incrustation. Taking a hint from that, I now pass through the catheter a saturated solution of iodoform in ether. The ether penetrates the incrustation, carries with it the iodoform, and performs its function where liquid could not enter. Yours truly,

W. P. SHOEMAKER, M.D.

Bradford, Pa., February 9, 1886.

ASSOCIATION ITEMS.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Thirty-seventh Annual Session will be held in St. Louis, Mo., on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 4, 5, 6 and 7, commencing on Tuesday at 11 A.M.

The delegates shall receive their appointment from permanently organized State Medical Societies and such County and District Medical Societies as are recognized by representation in their respective State Societies, and from the Medical Department of the Army and Navy, and the Marine Hospital Service of the United States.

Each State, County, and District Medical Society entitled to representation shall have the privilege of sending to the Association one delegate for every ten of its regular resident members, and one for every additional fraction of more than half that number: *Provided*, however, that the number of delegates for any particular State, territory, county, city or town shall not exceed the ratio of one in ten of the resident physicians who may have signed the Code of Ethics of the Association.

Secretaries of Medical Societies, as above designated, are earnestly requested to forward, *at once*, lists of their delegates.

Also, that the Permanent Secretary may be enabled to erase from the roll the names of those who have forfeited their membership, the Secretaries are, *by special resolution*, requested to send to him, annually,

a corrected list of the membership of their respective Societies.

SECTIONS.

"The Chairman of the several Sections shall prepare and read, in the general sessions of the Association, papers on the advances and discoveries of the past year in the branches of science included in their respective Sections. . . ."—*By-Laws*, Article 11, Sec. 4.

Practice of Medicine, Materia Medica and Physiology.—Dr. J. T. Whittaker, Cincinnati, Ohio, *Chairman*; Dr. B. L. Coleman, Lexington, Ky., *Secretary*.

Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children.—Dr. S. C. Gordon, Portland, Me., *Chairman*; Dr. J. F. Y. Paine, Galveston, Texas, *Secretary*.

Surgery and Anatomy.—Dr. Nicholas Senn, Milwaukee, Wis., *Chairman*; Dr. H. H. Mudd, St. Louis, Mo., *Secretary*.

State Medicine.—Dr. John H. Rauch, Springfield, Ill., *Chairman*; Dr. F. E. Daniel, Austin, Texas, *Secretary*.

Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology.—Dr. Eugene Smith, Detroit, Mich., *Chairman*; Dr. J. F. Fulton, St. Paul, Minn., *Secretary*.

Diseases of Children.—Dr. W. D. Haggard, Nashville, Tenn., *Chairman*; Dr. W. B. Lawrence, Batesville, Ark., *Secretary*.

Oral and Dental Surgery.—Dr. John S. Marshall, Chicago, Ill., *Chairman*; Dr. A. E. Baldwin, Chicago, Ill., *Secretary*.

A member desiring to read a paper before a Section should forward the paper, or its *title and length* (not to exceed twenty minutes in reading), to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, at least one month before the meeting.—*By-Laws*.

Committee of Arrangements.—Dr. Le Grand Atwood, St. Louis, Missouri, *Chairman*.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

By Dr. Foster Pratt, Mich.—Each Section shall nominate its Chairman and Secretary—all other nominations to be made, as now, by the nominating Committee.

By Dr. J. N. Quimby, N. J.—Create a new Section, to be known as the Section on Medical Jurisprudence.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

MEDICAL SCHOOLS AND STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES.—The Illinois State Board of Health has recently issued a pamphlet entitled "Medical Education and Medical Colleges in the United States and Canada, 1765-1885," in which the most suggestive facts revealed by tables and data are: First, that the number of medical colleges has not increased during the past year; secondly, that the number of medical students and of medical graduates is decreasing; and thirdly, that there is a more marked uniformity in the requirements of colleges. There are still 128 institutions for medical instruction in the