4. Therefore, we would recommend that the Buncombe County Medical Society and all its members binds itself and themselves by a written agreement to make no insurance examinations for less than the usual fee of \$5.00, save that when a company is willing to omit the family history and urinalysis, thus very materially lessening the work of such an examination, the members of this society will agree to make \$3 the regular charge.

5. That the secretary be directed to obtain within two weeks the signatures of each and every member to this resolution and to send to each one a copy of this report showing that the interest of each will be best served by a united stand of our profession against this movement.

6. Further, that all physicians in good standing in the county, even when not members of this society, be urged to join with us in this movement.

7. That the secretary be directed to send a copy of these resolutions to the secretary of each county society in this state, and to the state society, with the request that they be read at the next meeting, and that similar resolutions be passed by them; for unless the profession as a whole realizes that only in union is strength and stand together, it is easy to foresee the coming of the time when the companies, seeing their power in our disunion, will further reduce the fee, till as in Germany and France at present, a physician will be obliged to take fees of 50 cents and less for skilled work, which is none too largely paid at present rates.

8. That to further the fight by the profession against this movement, the secretary be directed to send a copy of these resolutions to THE JOURNAL of the American Medical Association, with the request that they be published in its columns.

CHARLES L. MINOR,
M. H. FLETCHER,
C. V. REYNOLDS,
Committee.

OKLAHOMA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

At the annual session of this association, held at Oklahoma City, May 7-9, 1906, the following resolution was passed:

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, in convention assembled, ever ready to promote the general welfare of the people, corporations and bodies we serve, and mindful of the duties imposed and services required of us by these people believe that it is not for the best interests of all concerned that our examination fees be reduced, but that it rather tends to lower the dignity and cause us to become more lax in our examinations and thereby render poorer service to our constituents, all of which is subversive of any good, and believing, as we do, that all good people, corporations and bodies demand the best service that we can render and should be willing to pay a just compensation for such service, and further believe that it is the practice of poor economy by any corporation, to lower examination fees and still demand the same service, and that this association should use its influence with all the people, corporations and bodies demanding our services, and endeavor to impress on them the necessity of paying what the services are really worth. Therefore be it,

Resolved, That the Oklahoma State Medical Association recommends that each constituent organization of this body take the proper steps to establish a minimum fee of \$5.00 for each and every examination made; that this society condemns contract practice, and hereafter our members be forbidden to accept the same unless paid for at the regularly established rate.

JOHN RANSOM HAMIL, Guthrie, Chairman.
FLOYD E. WARTERFIELD, Holdenville,
W. E. DICKEN, Oklahoma City.

COLUMBIA (S. C.) MEDICAL SOCIETY.

At a recent meeting this society formally adopted the resolutions regarding insurance fees, passed by the South Carolina Medical Association, published in THE JOURNAL May 5, 1906, page 1386.

SACRAMENTO SOCIETY OF MEDICAL IMPROVEMENT.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 25, 1906.

At a regular meeting, held April 24, 1906, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Several of our members have been notified that the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York has reduced the fee for the examination of applicants from five (\$5) to three (\$3) dollars, and,

WHEREAS, These members have referred this action to our society, which, for many years, has had in force a fee bill rate for such examinations for old line companies of five (\$5) dollars, and,

WHEREAS, The last-named figure for a full and complete examination, with analysis of urine, filling blanks and necessary correspondence, is but a fair compensation for the time occupied by professional men on whose honesty and capability the success of life insurance companies must mainly rest; it is therefore,

Resolved, That the members of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement agree to adhere to their fee bill rate and earnestly protest against the reduction made by the present officers of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, as unjust, unfair, and unworthy, and they recommend all medical men in affiliation with the State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association to refuse to examine at the lowered rate for a corporation the officers of which have taken this course under the pretense of a necessary reduction of expenses, while at the same time they are allowing the president fifty thousand dollars a year for his services.

Resolved, That the dignity, honor, influence and success of the medical profession largely depend on the recognition of a proper compensation by those able to pay for services rendered and that no organization can rightfully require its medical examiners to work for a less amount than that charged private parties."

It was further moved and carried by unanimous vote of the members present:

That members of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement who examine in life insurance for a fee less than that of the fee bill, whether paid in individual fees or in salary, be dropped from the roll of the society.

That it is the sense of this society that the rights and privileges of consultation with members of this society be denied those whose names have been dropped from the roll for examining for less than the prescribed fee.

That any special arrangement for increase of fee to \$5.00 per examination made between medical examiner and local agent shall not be accepted by this society, and the special arrangement must be made between the medical director of the company and the examiner.

E. M. WILDER, M.D., Secretary.

Medical Legislation

Department of Public Health.

At a recent meeting of the Norfolk District Medical Society the enclosed resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Norfolk District Medical Society of the State of Massachusetts endorses the action taken by the American Medical Association in favor of the establishment of a Department of Public Health with representation in the Cabinet of the President of the United States.

Resolved, That a certified copy of the above resolutions be forwarded by the Secretary to the Chairman of the Committee on Legislation of the American Medical Association.

JAMES C. D. PIGEON, Secretary.

Correspondence

The Philadelphia School for Nurses.

ORANGE, N. J., May 17, 1906.

To the Editor:—In a recent *Bulletin of the Philadelphia School for Nurses* there are given several hundred names of physicians who endorse this school. A paragraph printed at the head of these names reads as follows: "In every instance one or more letters have been received giving specific permission to use the writer's name as reference in connection with this movement."

Under Orange, N. J., the names of eleven physicians are given, my own among that number. As I have never endorsed this school I was interested to know how many of the men named had actually done so. I find two of the men named removed from Orange more than two years ago, and I understand one of them is now dead. Another is a graduate of 48 years' standing and has not engaged in practice for more than 35 years. Of the remaining eight all deny absolutely that they have endorsed the Philadelphia School for Nurses.

It does not seem that such a piece of barefaced assurance should go unchallenged, and I have no doubt that many of the names given are used without authority. LINN EMERSON.

Association News

Hotel Committees in Boston.

Dr. D. D. Scannell, secretary, writes: "The headquarters of the committee on hotels and transportation will be located in a special booth at Mechanics Building. There will be here a sufficient list of suitable accommodations for those who have deferred making arrangements until the last moment. There will be a sufficient clerical force to minimize delay so far as possible. There will also be a reasonable number of messenger boys whose duty it will be to help our visitors in locating their rooms. In addition to all this, there will be at each of the four railroad stations representatives from a subcommittee who will help in the distribution of information, and for those who desire it, help to secure accommodations by telephoning to the Mechanics Building headquarters. While it is desirable, of course, that all who can should go to the Mechanics Building office, still we can help also from these railroad stations: For those coming into Boston on the Boston and Albany railroad, or the Providence division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford, and whose hotel reservations are in the Brunswick, Buckminster, Copley Square, Lenox, Nottingham, Oxford, Somerset, Abbotsford, Vendome, Victoria or Westminster, we