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The President, Dr. D. C. Kline, called the meeting to order on the morning of September 20, 1904.

The divine blessing was invoked by the Rev. L. W. Eckard, D. D., of the Brainerd-Union church.

On behalf of the Lehigh Valley Homœopathic Medical Society, Dr. E. D. Doolittle delivered the following:

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Members of the State Society and Visitors:—It is not only my duty but my privilege, on behalf of the Lehigh Valley Homœopathic Medical Society, to extend to you a most cordial welcome to our city. And allow me to say on behalf of our members, that your welcome here is not mere lip-service, but comes from the heart, and it is our earnest desire that your stay in our midst may be so profitable as regards the new and important facts pertaining to our profession that we will get from each other, and the social pleasures you may enjoy, that every one will go home saying, "truly this meeting has been the

viewed the Mayor, and he says that during your stay the city is yours, and if at any time you should be in need of anything, if you will just whisper the word "similibus" in the ear of any of our policemen they will see to it that your wants are fully supplied.

We trust our meeting will be a very successful one. May we realize the dignity and honor of our profession, and the vast amount of good it has accomplished. It is like moonlight on the sea. It brightens the storms of life, it cannot still. Like the legendary spirit of Charlemagne, it crosses its bridge of gold to bless and benefit mankind, and turning its face to the future, with eternal sunshine on its brow, moves grandly forward to the time when all men's good shall be each man's rule.

I now have the honor to introduce to you Ethelbert D. Warfield, LL. D., President of Lafayette College, who will welcome you on behalf of the citizens of the city.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

ETHELBERT D. WARFIELD, LL. D.

Mr. President and Members of the Homœopathic Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania:

It gives me great pleasure to be here this morning to give you a very hearty welcome, as the representative of the citizens of our beautiful city. I hesitate to say that the town is wide open, because, like so many of our beautiful phrases, it has rather a bad application in the minds of some people, and I am afraid as you came along in the trolly cars this morning you feared it was too wide open in certain directions, but I would like to assure you our city is wide open to receive you. This church is a type of the good feeling of the city. We are glad to receive you under the sweet influences of our religious site. The homes of our people, as you know, if you have at all read the program laid out for your entertainment, are wide open, too, and the hearts of the people have long ago been touched by the sweet influences of the service of representatives of your profession here, and they are all open to you; I do not quite know how to commend the town to you, it commends itself. The morning is not, perhaps, as bright as we would like it to be, but there are some things that are so bright and so dazzling when seen in the fullness of their beauty that it is more than human vision can bear to look upon, so, like the face

of Moses when he came down from the mountain, we have requested the Weather Bureau to veil the beauties of the city this morning, that they may break gradually and you may take them in. We are accustomed to praise our city for its beautiful historical associations. You have heard something of those from Dr. Doolittle. We are accustomed to praise it for its health, but I will forbear on that subject, for possibly that might not interest you. For its influence on the college on our beautiful hill we have few complaints and no desires. You can realize, therefore, that it is a very happy place in which to dwell, and it is a very happy place for you who represent the Hahne-mannian system to visit, because I believe you make even the departure from this world as sweet and pleasant as it is possible to be. Most of us, I am afraid, like the woman in the Bible, have suffered many things from many physicians. I will not say we are no better, but at least we all know some ideas which have in the past hindered the progress of medical science. I suppose everything must have its victims. We of the college tell parents we guarantee satisfaction or return the boy. When we prove it by returning the boy occasionally his parents are not as much pleased as we expected them to be. Our city is a city that is very winning. I came here some fourteen years ago to spend ten days. I was so attracted that I have now been here thirteen years. In every way we are a delightful city. There is no exception to be made, and the only thing that is to be impressed upon you at this time is that you must hoard your strength so that you will have enough to climb the hills that lead to the front of the college. We believe in making strong men, and we begin by teaching them to climb that hill. We have made some of your best physicians on the hills of Lafayette College. We have trained them into lines of punctuality. The chapel bell may not ring for you, but in the afternoon the laboratories will be open for your inspection. The buildings are open to you whenever you may find time to visit them. The grounds are at your command. I believe one of the things for which you came here is to listen to papers, but my experience of conventions is that very few really do. At commencement time we supply a great flood of literature that fills three or four days, but I observe that a great number of those who attend spend much of their time out on the campus. If persons who are to read papers will excuse me for saying so, we shall welcome to our campus as many members of this convention and ladies attending them as find it pleasant to come there. There is one thing in

which we are not homœopathic, that is our athletics. I do not know how we can reduce them to your system. I may suggest that one of the pills used by us is rather large according to your ideas and some of the cities of our State, Philadelphia, for instance, have found it rather hard to swallow. Enjoy yourselves all you can while among us. The writers of the papers will offer you certain problems. Reduce them, as far as you find it possible, to a working basis; but whatever you do, remember that you have given us pleasure in coming, and the longer you stay and the more of the opportunities that are offered to you you take advantage of the better we shall like it. On behalf of the united citizens of our city I bid you a very hearty welcome.

RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

THEODORE SURETH, M. D., SCRANTON.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of Easton:

The very kind and open welcome given the Homœopathic Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania by your speaker, I am sure, will be very much appreciated by those of the Society who have the good fortune to visit your beautiful city. In all the walks of life to-day that is a growing tendency towards improvement, investigation, discovery, invention, and in nothing is this more marked than in the medical profession. I have but to refer to the stripping of the capsule of the kidney for the cure of chronic Bright's disease, the bloodless operation for the correction of congenital dislocation of the hip, the microscope, which has placed the bacteriologist in the front rank of fame, to prove the correctness of my statement. It, therefore, becomes the duty of every physician, it matters not where he is located, to associate himself with a medical society, pay his dues, attend its meetings, and avail himself of all its benefits and the advantages to be gained, not only for the relief and care of disease, but for its prevention. The latter, it seems to me, should be foremost in the mind of the physician. When the State Society met in Scranton last year, our worthy colleague, Dr. Seibert, of your city, responded to the address of welcome. Among other things he predicted a banner meeting for Scranton, the credit of which should be laid at the feet of the Lackawanna County Medical Society, of which I am a member. We felt very grateful to the doctor; but O! how