

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

CINCINNATI, May 7.

The proceedings of the Convention commenced this morning at College Hall, at 10 o'clock.

The meeting was a large one. Several hundred eminent physicians from all parts of the Union were present.

New Hampshire, two; Vermont, one; Massachusetts, seventeen; Rhode Island, three; Connecticut, four; New York, eighteen; New Jersey, four; Pennsylvania, twenty; Delaware, one; Maryland, seven; Virginia, six; North Carolina, two; South Carolina, two; Georgia, one; Alabama, three; Louisiana, one; Tennessee, four; Kentucky, nine; Ohio, fifty-three; Michigan, four; Indiana, fifteen; Illinois, six; Missouri, two; Iowa, two.

The President, in opening his valedictory— an extempore address—said it was a subject of congratulation to the Association to find themselves in this great city of the West.

From an early period those who occupied the shores of the Atlantic, contemplated the rising glory of this part of the country with the deepest interest.

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Resolved, That Dr. Penner's projected annual publication, on the diseases and medical statistics of the southern portion of the United States, meet with the approbation of the Association.

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A series of Resolutions were offered by Dr. Blackford, of New York, the purport of which was that the *Journal* of Medical Education, or medical terms should be enlarged, and medical education elevated.

On these resolutions an animated discussion arose, in which Doctors Allen, Miller, Davis, Barber, Vandell, Wright, Stevenson, of Baltimore, McPheeters, Rivers, &c., engaged.

On Thursday evening the members of the Convention were to partake of a splendid entertainment given them by the faculty of Cincinnati.

The Convention adjourned on the 10th, to meet at Charleston, S. C. in May next.

The above particulars we are enabled to gather by the politeness of a friend who furnished us a copy of the proceedings. Dr. W. N. Norwood, of Hillsboro, was one of the Delegates from North Carolina.

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The New York Evening Post professes to show up the causes which led to Edmund Burke's retirement from the associate editorship of the Washington Union.

Burke was to have \$3,000 a year, with the privilege of buying a share of the paper, at a stipulated price \$15,000. He has been waiting for Congress to cancel its present printing contracts, and to make new ones with the Union, before he was willing to trust his money in the concern.

Another feature of the contract was that "either editor shall have an unconditional veto upon the articles written by his associate. This power was rarely exercised until the project of a Southern Convention came up for discussion.

Of course such a system of cross firing was not calculated to promote the most harmonious relations between the ardent old Virginian and his junior colleague from New Hampshire, and you may readily imagine that the love they bear each other, is like the ways of Providence, "past finding out."

It has since been denied that Burke is to retire—but we have no doubt a change will take place ere long. The Southern Democrats never swerved Burke patiently—and hence the movement in favor of an exclusive Southern organ.

Just published by J. M. Edney, Asheville, "Lincoln Dances," composed by Prof. Chas. H. G. F. Loem, and arranged for the PIANO FORTE.

We throw ourselves upon the liberality of our Southern friends, and hope to be sustained. We are prepared to print and fill orders for either sacred or instrumental pieces, in good style, and our reasonable terms.

Eight of the Southern States will not allow themselves to be represented in the Nashville Convention; their citizens with a becoming spirit of patriotism, have discountenanced this conspiracy of a few designing and corrupt politicians, who would ride into power even over the ruins of this glorious Union.

PLANK ROAD TO RALEIGH.—Upwards of \$20,000 were subscribed in this town last week towards forming a company for a Plank Road from Fayetteville to Raleigh. More will be added.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

For the Raleigh Times.

NASHVILLE CONVENTION AND RALEIGH CLIQUE—HUMBUGS AS TO HALIFAX COUNTY.

MR. EDITOR:—

You and your readers may be assured that the above stated priorities of the day in the political world, effect good old Halifax county very little, though from some attempts at false issues before the public from certain quarters, it might appear the reverse was the case.

Connected as the Union is with the remembrance of past happiness, a sense of present blessings, and the hope of future peace and prosperity, every dictate of patriotism, tend to inspire fidelity and devotion to it, and admonish us cautiously to avoid any unnecessary controversy which can either endanger it or impair its strength.

ABOUT CALIFORNIA.

A FRIEND has permitted us to avail ourselves of a letter he received a few days since from Wm. H. Mead, Esq. of this City, dated "San Francisco, 29th March," to present the following information respecting California to our readers.

BOTANIC PHYSICIANS' STATE SOCIETY.

In regard to said Society it is earnestly requested that all Botanic or Eclectic physicians, in each county of the State, not choosing to attend the Convention at Raleigh, 11th June next, make report to the Chairman of said Convention of their names and postoffice.

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THE RALEIGH TIMES.



RALEIGH, N. C.

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