CONSTITUTION
OF THE
AMERICAN FEMALE MEDICAL EDUCATION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I.—Title and Objects.—This Association shall be entitled the “American Female Medical Education Society,” whose objects shall be to sustain the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, and the cause of Female Medical Education in general.

ART. II.—Members, &c.—Any person may become a member of this society, by subscribing or directing his or her name to be affixed to this Constitution and paying one dollar, and continue a member, by the payment of one dollar annually. Any person may become a life member, by the payment of twenty dollars. The payment of ten dollars annually will constitute a patron, and the payment of one hundred dollars will constitute a life patron.

ART. III.—Patrons and Life Members.—Patrons and Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of Contributing Members.

ART. IV.—Privileges.—The Patrons and Members shall be entitled to receive copies of all documents issued by the Society.

Sect. 2. One Student, annually, shall be entitled to attend a course of Instructions in the College, free of charge, for every seventy-five members of the Association.

Sect. 3. The Students thus provided for shall be selected from among the applicants, by the Board of Directors, and their testimonials shall be the only terms of admission.

ART. V.—Annual Meetings.—The Annual Meetings of the Society shall be held on the last Saturday in September, at the College Building or any other suitable place, provided by the Board of Directors, at which time the officers shall be elected.

ART. VI.—Officers.—The officers of this society shall be a President, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and Board of Directors, not to exceed fifty members including the President, Secretaries and Treasurer, who ex-officio shall constitute members of the Board.

Sect. 2. The officers shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year. Any vacancy occurring during the term of office from death or resignation, the said vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors, for the unexpired term.

ART. VII.—Amendments.—Alterations or amendments of this Constitution may be made at any annual meeting, by a majority of the members present, voting in its favour. Provided, that public notice, be given for two weeks, previously, of the contemplated amendments or alterations.

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT,
REV. HENRY D. MOORE.

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Thomas W. Braidwood, Philadelphia,
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Thomas E. Longshore, do.
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The following Resolution was unanimously adopted:
Resolved, That the Society, publish, annually, a report of their proceedings—and that the names of the members and contributors be published in the Annual Report.
Prefixed is a copy of the Constitution of the American Female Medical Education Society, the objects of which are such as every philanthropist can approve. We send it to you with this appeal, and most earnestly solicit your co-operation in the movement. From every quarter of our country we are, assured that there is a general and growing interest felt in favour of the Medical Education of Women, and the employment of them as Physicians. Most of the Graduates of the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, which is located in Philadelphia, and those who have received the honours of other Medical Schools, who have entered into practice, have been very respectably sustained, and are eminently successful. The propriety of employing competent female practitioners, especially in the diseases of their own sex and those of children—and in obstetric practice is acknowledged and responded to by the masses. So strong is the feeling in its favour, that a number of women are now in extensive practice, without the adequate instructions. Though serious accidents have occurred, in many instances from their ignorance, yet so natural and legitimate is the partiality, for admitting their own sex, only, into this peculiar practice, that, not only the most intense suffering, incurable, life long maladies, but even death itself has been preferred to the presence of the male attendant. The Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, educates females only. Experiment has proved this is, as it should be. It has held three regular sessions, during which full courses of Medical Instructions have been given to classes of highly intelligent, respectable and energetic young women.

The expenses of the Institution, which have greatly exceeded the receipts, have hitherto been borne mainly by the Faculty, who have laboured without remuneration, and drawn largely on their private funds to sustain the enterprise. To relieve them of this onerous burden, and to ensure the prosperity of the school, we have resolved to place it upon a permanent basis, and to make the terms of admission as favourable as possible to all who are worthy, and limited in their pecuniary resources. For this purpose we appeal to your generosity, and solicit your aid and co-operation. We ask you for your name and such contributions, to our funds, as you are able to make, and to use your influence with your friends, in behalf of the cause. Our present object is to meet the pressing demands of the Institution and ultimately provide a fund for its endowment, to be permanently invested for its use.

This College was incorporated by the Legislature of Pennsylvania in the year 1850, and so far as chartered immunities are concerned, placed on an equality with the most liberal and successful Medical Institutions of our country.

The Faculty are gentlemen of known moral standing in the community, and of acknowledged professional abilities, and have proved themselves efficient and successful teachers.

Your attention to the subject is earnestly desired, and a response to our solicitations at your earliest convenience respectfully requested.

Please address JOS. S. LONGSHORE, M. D., 229 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

HENRY D. MOORE, President.

No. 229 Arch Street, Nov. 25th, 1852.