THE FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION

HELD AT THE SOUTHERN HOTEL, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

October 20, 21, 22, 1921

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Dr. Herbert J. Hall, President, called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Present: Dr. Herbert J. Hall, President; Miss Marion R. Taber, Treasurer; Mr. Louis J. Haas, Secretary; Mrs. Eleanor Clarke Slagle; Dr. W. R. Dunton, Jr.; and Mr. T. B. Kidner.

Miss Taber presented the name of Alice Martin Hawkins as an associate member.

President Hall: Miss Taber, how many new members in the last year?

Miss Taber: In October, something like fifty.

President Hall: To what does that bring our total?

Miss Taber: I had a great many members that Mr. Haas did not have on his list and I wanted him to go over it and correct it.

President Hall: We will have to have a meeting later to pass on these new members.

Secretary Haas: I have at last gotten a list of names of those who joined at Chicago. My proposition is to send each of these people who joined at Chicago another invitation to join. It is the only way to get the thing straight.

President Hall: Mr. Haas, you tell us about the new members so that we can pass on these names.
Mr. Kidner: Mr. Chairman, I suppose we ought not to bind you, but I should like to suggest, in view of what Mr. Haas says that so many people apply and are elected and then we do not hear any more of them, that we ought in the future to ask for the subscription to be sent in with the application.

President Hall: That is a matter that can be taken up by the new board of management.

Mr. Kidner: These minutes will go to the next board. I suggest then that that be included as a suggestion to the next board of management.

Secretary Haas: Mr. Chairman, we have taken in 248 members up to the present moment. Of these 189 were active, 42 were associate and 17 were sustaining. That makes our total membership according to my records 450.

President Hall: Are there any that we ought to pass upon that have come in since?

Secretary Haas: Within about three weeks or so of the present date I took the point of view that it was impossible to reach all of you so just as fast as the applications came in I notified the applicants of their election in a formal way, and this (indicating) is what remains of that activity that have not sent in their dues up to the present moment. As fast as the dues came in I notified Dr. Dunton so that the names got on his mailing list. While these (indicating) have never been presented to the board, they have been officially notified that they were elected. Here I have a group of fifty more that have been taken up with Dr. Dunton and he has been instructed to cut them from his list. There is no way possible to get any returns from them.

This group here are actual applications that were made before the convention in Philadelphia, but no returns can be gotten from them in any way. I have written them numerous times and get no answer at all, nor have my letters been returned; I have not had six pieces of returned mail over the entire year. That is the way the thing goes during the year.

These are all regular lists which I have presented to the board from time to time. These attached applications are just what happens in
They still hang on from month to month, no returns ever coming from them. That is not fair to us; the secretary does not know where he stands at any moment. My files are full of that sort of thing. He is writing correspondence about it and paying postage, and through the present system of the board’s personnel, they get on Dr. Dunton’s mailing list and get the material we are sending out and they are getting it all for nothing.

The following are the members who have been officially notified of their election: Miss Lenora K. DeHoff, of Phipps Clinic; Dr. J. F. Krasnye, Lowell, Mass.; Miss Charlotte Denison, Walter Reed Hospital, Washington; Edith V. Evans, Trudeau, N. Y.; Mary E. Hof, St. Louis, Mo.; Dorothy F. Wolfinger, East Orange, N. J.; Marion R. Morton, Detroit, Mich.; Marion Appleton, North Andover, Mass.; Madalin A. C. Stebel, Towson, Md.

Mrs. Slagle moved: That the names as read be accepted.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Treasurer Taber: Mr. Chairman, I should like to suggest that no names be taken from the list of members until we have had a thorough revision after this conference, because I think a great many people pay at a conference. Therefore, I move: That no names be dropped until after the conference and the Secretary and Treasurer have an opportunity to thoroughly revise the list together.

Dr. Dunton seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mrs. Slagle: Mr. Chairman, do you have a copy of the constitution?

President Hall: One complaint is that last amendment. They claim that we must have both a majority of the board and a majority of the members present. That means, according to that, we are making it entirely too difficult.

Dr. Dunton: A minority of the society may change the constitution. I think it is wrong. Let that stand; it is more liberal than my interpretation.

Mrs. Slagle: How do you feel about that? Will you please state your point again, Dr. Dunton?
Dr. Dunton: I claim that this is the most liberal way. If we have thirty members at a meeting and twenty decide to change the constitution, they can do it according to this. A minority of the society can amend the constitution simply because they happen to attend a meeting.

President Hall: This requires also the vote of the board of management which is an extra safeguard.

Miss Taber: Are you going to allow our ballots to go through without any check on them.

Mrs. Slagle: We cannot do it. The committee who took in the ballots would have to check them. On reconsideration, we are checking up members. Everybody registers and from that we can find out how many members are here.

Secretary Haas: Even then we ought to check with relation to our list as it exists, because there were at least fifteen people from one single hospital last year who voted by proxy who never became active members.

Mrs. Slagle: I know it.

Secretary Haas: No response could ever be gotten from them. One single person cast the whole vote.

Dr. Dunton: I disapprove of proxy balloting

Treasurer Taber: I am very much in favor of having a paid secretary-treasurer for the job; but whatever we do I want to go over the entire list of members and be authorized with Mr. Haas, or whoever the new secretary may be to send out an invitation, very carefully worded, to a great many people from whom we have not heard, because at Chicago we did not receive the names, and I really think we might regain some thirty members by so doing. I am very much disturbed about it.

Upon motion by Dr. Dunton, the meeting adjourned.
SECOND SECTION

FIRST MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF HOUSE OF DELEGATES
AMERICAN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSOCIATION
HELD AT BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

October 21, 1921

MEMBERS

Illinois Society: Mrs. Anna Tompkins, Miss Geraldine Lermint.
Maryland Society: Wm. R. Dunton, Jr., Miss Lucy Gilpin, Mrs. H. G. Price.
Massachusetts Society: Miss Harriet Robeson.
Michigan Society: Miss Camilla Ball, Miss Morton.
New York Society: Mr. Louis J. Haas, Miss Susan C. Johnson, Mrs. Clyde M. Myres, Miss Meta R. Rupp, Mrs. Eleanor Clarke Slagle, Mrs. Cornelius Sullivan, Miss Marion R. Taber.
Washington, D. C., Society: Miss Mariam Morris, Mrs. Frank W. Smith, Miss Elsie Taft.
Wisconsin Society: Mrs. Carl Henry Davis.
Missouri Society: Miss Alice Dean, Miss Idelle Kidder.

9.15 a.m.

The first meeting of the House of Delegates was held in the ball room of the Southern Hotel when a recess was taken and at 4:00 p.m. a final session was held at which officers, to serve for the ensuing year, were nominated and elected by ballot.

Dr. Herbert J. Hall called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Dr. Hall: Ladies and gentlemen of the house of delegates. In regard to the constitution which we adopted yesterday, I judge we do not know how it is going to work out. I do not think that any man or woman can tell, or know until it has been tried out for a year at least. But we feel quite sure that it is safe enough to try. During the year there will be opportunity for as many changes or additions as may be necessary or perhaps an entirely new constitution at the end of the year.

We have not adopted this new constitution because we thought it was perfect, but we think there are enough good things in it to warrant its trial for a year. The matter of greatest importance is that of state representation in the government of this society. The old board of managers went ahead and appointed delegates to come here, provision-
ally, who might be asked to serve during the coming year and who might be permitted to serve if this constitution were accepted. If this constitution is rejected then we will have to go back to the old form carried on for the past five years. All this was taken under consideration during discussion and deliberation, but it was accepted tentatively so that you or perhaps some others who were not given the opportunity to vote are now here with the idea of electing, according to the new constitution, the officers for the coming year, as representative bodies, coming as you do from different states that have state societies. When we made up that plan for state society representation, we did not realize that Pennsylvania had no society, whatever, and that Missouri today has only about twenty members in their state society, instead of the required number, twenty-five, a number of their original members having moved away lately. I do not suppose that literally according to this new constitution, that the members who represent the Philadelphia School and who are not members of a state society thought for a moment that legally they should not have a vote. They are special delegates. The old board of managers asks them not only to come here and join this body, but to express their opinions freely and I am quite sure that those opinions will be accepted and will carry just as much influence as those who are entitled to vote. An unofficial delegate is often one of the most useful members of any body. He can say all he pleases and the so-called official members will certainly be interested by any opinion expressed by what we may now call the unofficial members of this body, these are from Pennsylvania and Missouri. But we have, nevertheless, according to that constitution, the right and the duty to elect officers for the coming year to serve this society.

Mrs. Lucy M. Rockwell: Are we delegates to vote officially or unofficially?

Dr. Hall: I have no right to make a ruling of any kind. First of all as the house of delegates is constituted, it should begin its deliberations by electing a person to act as chairman, and when that chairman is elected goes to work with the business of election of their other officers. In the American Medical Association, which we have used to a certain extent as our pattern, the house of delegates elects its own chairman. With the chairman elected we then go ahead and elect other officers with the exception of the president of the society, who is nominated
by the house of delegates, but who must be elected on ballot, by the
society at large. That gives the society an opportunity to voice its
sentiment, from the floor of the meeting. As a matter of fact, open
elections, before this time, in our society have been a pretty unsatis­
factory thing. At the beginning of the meeting we perhaps get a crowd
of a hundred people, some of them active workers and members of the
society and others visitors; some members and some not, and they all
have voted, and there has been no particular attempt to keep that
vote within certain limits. This body is in a position with its representa­
tives who have come from the different states and who are all active
members in good standing and are competent to go ahead now, accord­
ing to the new constitution, and elect a chairman from your number.
That chairman, whoever you may elect, presumably knows about the
adoption of the constitution so that he will be able to guide and direct
you in your deliberations.

I suggest Dr. W. R. Dunton, Jr., for that position. He has been so
closely identified with the making up of the new constitution that you
should choose him as Chairman. You can do as you like, but I think
if some one would make a motion to this effect it would serve
our purpose.

Dr. W. R. Dunton, Jr.: Ladies and gentlemen, fellow members of
the house of delegates, there seems to be a preference for the election
of permanent chairman by ballot. I think that Dr. Herbert J. Hall
would make a much better chairman than myself, and now that Dr.
Hall has suggested my name for nomination, I will respectfully suggest
his and I would like to withdraw in favor of Dr. Hall and I suggest
that we make it unanimous.

Delegate Eleanor Clarke Slagle: I think it would be well to acertain,
first, who has a vote here.

Dr. Dunton: I think we should check up the list of delegates.

Delegate Marian R. Taber moved, That Dr. Dunton act as temporary
chairman.

The motion was seconded and carried.
Chairman Dunton: It seems to me as a member of this body that we should give official recognition to the Pennsylvania delegation in order that there may be no question as to their standing. Our idea is to have representation—state representation; that all of the states shall be properly represented. That is the spirit of the constitution which has been adopted, but I am sure that no one here wants to exclude Pennsylvania that has done and that is doing so much, on account of a mere technicality. I presume it would be wiser if the house should request those three ladies from Pennsylvania: Mrs. Rockwell, Vice-president of the Philadelphia School, Mrs. Frances Hinton, Pennsylvania State Supervisor of Occupational Therapy and Miss Florence Fulton, Dean of the Philadelphia School, to act as the official representatives of that State.

Mrs. Rockwell: Mr. Chairman, we from the State of Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia School, really feel that we are not entitled to any such recognition if you are going to live up to your constitution, because if you do this you will fail to do so at once.

Chairman Dunton: We did not know in time that there were two or three states who were not entitled to representation.

Mrs. Rockwell: The question is that you have adopted a constitution. It was proposed, discussed, deliberated upon and accepted and we are not legally entitled to be present. We were not notified in time and it is entirely unexpected. We have in Philadelphia a very strong school. We have not only a good school but we have a state department and a state supervisor appointed by the State Superintendent of Health who is a director of occupational therapy for the state. That work is very excellently done and very well done under the Director of Public Health and the governor of our state is very much delighted with that work. It is a big phase of the work. None of them really realize what is going on. I do not know of any other state that is doing as much as that. All these things are entitled to recognition in this body, but under the constitution adopted, it is an open question whether we are entitled to representation in this body, and we do not want to put ourselves into a wrong position.

Delegate Marian R. Taber: Mr. Chairman, something was said yesterday that was pretty apt about this constitution. I was anxious to
have the constitution adopted, but it did seem to me it should be con­ sidered more carefully, as a whole, and it does seem to me now that our first act should be to very carefully interpret the constitution and then be advised by the interpretation and the rules as laid down by our constitution. We can give the different state societies an oppor­ tunity to organize and then let them have their vote at the first impor­ tant meeting in the future. You can do that. You can leave the man­ agement as it is and adjust this difficulty in that way.

*Mrs. Rockwell:* The difficulty in that is for those coming from a distance; that would cut others out from the opportunity of meeting with the body.

*Chairman Dunton:* Will some one make a motion that the Pennsyl­ vania delegation and the Missouri delegation be requested to act during this meeting pending more permanent arrangement for the compliance with requirements of our constitution?

*Mrs. Rockwell:* There would have to be a unanimous vote from the whole credited membership of the delegates here, then we would know that our vote would not be questioned by any members present, but if it is not unanimous—

*Chairman Dunton:* It seems to me that if you would simply let that point pass, that there would be no objection. We have the regular meeting of the convention here due in ten minutes and it is important that we proceed to a vote. In other words, from what you have said just now, you do not want to be represented illegally.

*Mrs. Rockwell:* We want to be represented properly.

*Chairman Dunton:* We are anxious to have you represented; if we follow out the method already suggested and if there is a motion made to that effect.

*Mrs. Rockwell:* Why not have a vote? If it is not unanimous, we can withdraw.

*Delegate Robeson* moved, That we take a vote on the members from Pennsylvania and Missouri who are here today; that their votes be accepted as delegates.
After a further discussion, the motion was seconded and carried by a vote of eight to two (8 to 2) in the affirmative.

_Miss F. Fulton, Dean of the Philadelphia School:_ Mr. Chairman, there were several defective points developed in the constitution as proposed, and this is one of them. We have struck it immediately. We, from Philadelphia, from Pennsylvania, have no vote and there is no way in which you can give us a vote; it is not possible. As far as I am concerned, I do feel that the three of us from the State of Pennsylvania should absolutely withdraw. If you extend to us the courtesy of sitting in the meeting and really wish that we should, we will be glad to do it, but for myself, I refuse to vote because we are not officially entitled to have any vote, and in my mind, if the constitution is enforced, there is no question but that we are not entitled to it and that we have no right to a vote.

_Delege Taber:_ For that reason I have thought that we might adjourn for a short time until these two state societies can qualify.

_Delege Lermit:_ If this house of delegates desires to interpret the constitution according to the spirit of the constitution, rather than according to the law, as I believe it is customary with any institution in any country, it may be so interpreted, and why not in this instance with a small beginning?

_Delege Elsie Taft:_ Do you not think there are others present who would vote on this question?

_Chairman Dunton:_ We must organize; we must have officers for the next year and the sooner we go about it the better it will be. It seems to me that the delegation does not wish to act as there were but ten votes cast on which this motion has been carried. In view of the last ballot I must request you all to vote. By this vote the Pennsylvania and Missouri representatives are asked to act as delegates.

_A Delegate:_ Is it in order that we vote by ballot?

_Chairman Dunton:_ On motions and resolutions it is customary to act by a yea and nay vote. How about you, Mrs. Rockwell? Do you wish to act as a delegate?
Mrs. Rockwell: According to the constitution which has been adopted, I cannot act.

Chairman Dunton: What is your position, Mrs. Hinton.

Mrs. Frances Hinton: Speaking for myself, I refuse to act.

Chairman Dunton: I believe Miss Fulton has already stated her position. Now, what is your pleasure?

Delegate Slagle: Mr. Chairman and members of the delegation, when the deliberations on the adoption of the constitution were taking place, I was under the impression that Pennsylvania had a state society because they were doing most important state work; because they had a school in Philadelphia and because that school had been splendidly carried on since the war period and on this account it was my impression, without knowing the fact, that it was a state society. However, I think the position taken by Miss Fulton, Dean of the Philadelphia School, is justified and I think her point is well taken. She does not want to represent something that does not exist and I think her position is commendable and right irrespective of how we feel. We should like to remedy this even if we have to change the constitution at once. Of course, this cannot be done; it will take a year’s deliberation, but if there is anything to be changed in the constitution, this is the time to find out and that is one of the reasons why we are here, to find the weak points. This point is not raised, I am sure, by any one here who is opposed to any delegate named or any delegate who is present. I feel positive that every one here would like to see these three Pennsylvania women record their vote, but I can understand their conscientious scruples against recording a vote to which they are, apparently, not entitled. However, I do want to come to the defense of the present board of management who have labored over this new constitution and say that we thought Pennsylvania had a state society.

Delegate Johnson: It seems to me to be purely a point of law. I am sure that the whole body will accept the wishes as expressed by the delegation from Pennsylvania in regard to the members of this body who are not legally entitled to vote. I am sure there is not a person here who does not feel that Delegate Slagle has expressed the opinions of all present as clearly and as definitely as if it were placed on paper and
that the delegates themselves would not want to have a vote cast at this meeting which could possibly at some future time be questioned.

Delegate Taber: Would it not be possible to have all the delegates of the different states meet with us regularly until they can qualify? We could all meet together, and those who are not entitled to vote now to be entitled and have their vote as soon as they qualify by the requisite membership in the different states.

Chairman Dunton: Do you make that as a motion?

Delegate Taber moved, That in view of the distinguished service that has been rendered by the delegates present from Pennsylvania, that they be asked to represent their state in the house of delegates and advise with the credited societies on all points and matters that may arise and that they go on record with their vote as soon as they are able to organize their societies in due form.

The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Mrs. Rockwell: Mr. Chairman, this organization is becoming larger and as we become more important we also become open to criticism. We are not entitled to serve in this house of delegates and as far as I am concerned I will decline to serve. My colleagues from Pennsylvania, as they have already said, take the same position.

Chairman Dunton: Ladies and gentlemen, it is now 9:30. The regular meeting is due. At any rate let us proceed with the election of a permanent chairman for his body. At the present time I am serving as temporary chairman. Dr. Hall and myself have been placed in nomination. Are there any further nominations?

Delegate Johnson: Does the temporary chairman lose his vote by virtue of being chairman?

Chairman Dunton: No; but the chairman does not usually vote.

Mrs. Rockwell: If there is a tie, the chairman casts the deciding vote.
Chairman Dunton appointed tellers and ordered ballots prepared and cast for the respective nominees for permanent chairman: Dr. Herbert J. Hall, of Devereux Mansion, Massachusetts; Dr. William R. Dunton, Jr., of Maryland.

The tellers announced the vote and Chairman Dunton declared Dr. Herbert J. Hall, elected permanent chairman, saying, "Dr. Hall, you have been elected Chairman of the House of Delegates of the American Occupational Therapy Association. I offer you my sincere sympathy."

Chairman Hall in the Chair

Chairman Hall: Now, that there has been a permanent chairman elected, I will suggest that the house of delegates adjourn until this afternoon, following the afternoon session of the convention, for the further transaction of our business.

Delegate Slagle moved, and the motion was seconded and carried that the house of delegates take a recess until this afternoon and reconvene immediately following the adjournment of the convention.

Recess.

After recess

Chairman Hall called the house of delegates to order at 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Hall: As the elected chairman of the house of delegates, I will call the delegates to order. What is the pleasure of the delegation?

Delegate Dunton: Mr. Chairman, it seems to me that we should appoint a secretary to take note for immediate and future use even though we have a stenographer present to report the proceedings.

Delegate Slagle: Mr. Chairman, I recommend and nominate for secretary of this meeting, Mrs. Cornelius Sullivan of New York.

The recommendation was seconded and carried and Chairman Hall declared Delegate Sullivan duly elected to serve as secretary of this meeting.

Chairman Hall: First, let us decide who can vote, or who shall vote, or who desires to vote or who desires not to vote. Was anything done about that in regard to who can vote and who can not vote?
Delegate Dunton: It seems that the representatives from Pennsylvania, Mrs. Rockwell, Mrs. Hinton and Miss Fulton, have declined to attend this meeting of the house of delegates in accordance with the motion, unanimously carried, inviting them to be present and advise with the delegation and to be entitled to a vote at such time as they can form a state society.

Chairman Hall: We have ruled that a school or group of people in a state properly represented the state society whether they were organized and chartered, or not. As a matter of fact, we did not know that there was not a state society in Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania, is one of the most active centers in occupational therapy in the country and yet they have no state society. We discovered that three days before we came down here and so that has made an awful mess, as our constitution which has been adopted declares that members of the house of delegates and representatives from their respective states must represent a state society and the question now is if there is no way to strike it out. The representatives from Pennsylvania have evidently decided to withdraw. The delegates from Pennsylvania who were chosen by the board of managers have evidently withdrawn from this body because they do not consider themselves entitled to vote, having no state society in Pennsylvania. Are the people who are here qualified to vote?

Delegate Johnson: Could we have the secretary read the roll call of the state?

Mrs. Tompkins, of Illinois: Mr. Chairman, may I vote in place of Miss Morris?

Chairman Hall: Just what the rule will have to be in regard to the election of officers must naturally be governed by duly credited state representation. The State of Pennsylvania has no society, and unless they have, they can not vote, according to our constitution.

Delegate Dunton: If you have a letter from the state society of Illinois as an alternate, this will apply.

Delegate Slagle: It would be the same as voting by proxy.
Mrs. Tompkins: I was asked to vote in place of Miss Morris as the Public Health representative from Washington.

Chairman Hall: According to our constitution, you would not be entitled to vote.

Roll call was then taken.

Chairman Hall: Those people whose names have been called and who responded, are the ones who may vote in this matter. I think we had better first get at the vote, or on the nomination of a candidate for the presidency of the national society. According to our constitution, naturally the first item that we should vote on is the nominee for president for the coming year. In accordance with the provisions of our new constitution, which heaven preserve, we are not entitled to elect, but only to nominate a candidate for the president of the national society and it is also proper for the society at large to nominate a candidate or a nominee from the floor of the convention. We will receive nominations for the presidency.

Delegate Dunton: I move, that we vote by ballot and that tellers be appointed and that each vote be recorded for the benefit of our constituents.

Chairman Hall appointed as tellers, Delegate Dunton and Delegate Haas.

Delegate Dunton: I nominate Dr. Hall for President.

Delegate Lermit: I second the nomination.

Delegate Slagle moved, That nominations close and that the nomination of Dr. Hall to serve as President of the American Occupational Therapy Association be made unanimous and if elected by the convention at large that he serve for the ensuing year.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Chairman Hall: Members of the house of delegates, I thank you for the nomination. The election now rests in the hands of the society at large.
The election of your president will take place at the session tomorrow morning.

The next order of business is the nomination and election by this body of vice-president.

Dr. Canby Robinson of Johns Hopkins University was nominated for vice-president.

Delegate Johnson: Mr. Chairman, I wish to tell you the conditions under which he would accept the nomination of vice-president of the National Society for the Promotion of Occupational Therapy. I asked him if he would serve and then if we might have the privilege of nominating him. He said he was willing to serve this society, but his own duties at Johns Hopkins were heavy and he doubted if he would be able to give as much service as the vice-president of the society ought to give. I told him that this society would give him every assistance possible.

Delegate Slagle moved and the motion was seconded and carried that nominations for vice-president close and that Dr. Canby Robinson be unanimously elected.

Chairman Hall: We have decided after much deliberation that the office of secretary and treasurer should be amalgamated for the purpose of convenience, expedition and economy of time and perhaps of postage, it would be well, to have the two offices consolidated. I have consulted with both Miss Taber and Mr. Haas sometime ago, and they agreed that it was a wise move. We will now vote for the nomination and election of secretary-treasurer.

Delegate Lermit: Mr. Chairman, I nominate for secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Eleanor Clarke Slagle.

Delegate Dunton moved and the motion was seconded and carried. The nominations close and the nomination and election of Mrs. Slagle for secretary and treasurer be made unanimous.

Chairman Hall: The next business in order is the election of two members of the board of managers. I might say before we go to a vote on the board of managers that there has been a little criticism
on account of the size of that board, which according to the new constitution consists of two members and the president of the society. As a matter of fact it has been exceedingly difficult for us always to get the members together, to secure a meeting of the board of managers for the discussion of various important matters connected with the society. We have done it during the past year but it has been a pretty difficult thing between the expense for travel and the waste of time. My suggestion is that we nominate members of the board of managers in some way within a thousand miles of Boston. It is really difficult to get the board of managers together when they are separated by great distances. If I am elected to the presidency, I would like to see this adjusted so that it will be easier for all concerned. With that in mind, it is entirely up to you to nominate members for the board of managers. But we must have two. If one of them could be from Boston it would expedite matters very much. That would make a quorum and we could get together much oftener.

Delegate Johnson: It seems to me that it would be well to have a member of the board from Pennsylvania.

Delegate Dunton: That would be impossible until there is a state society in Pennsylvania.

Delegate Johnson: I think we need to have representation from that state.

Delegate Slagle in the chair: Are you ready to proceed with the nomination for the board of managers? There are two to be nominated and elected.

The following were nominated: Mrs. Carl Henry Davis, Mrs. Cornelius Sullivan, Miss Elsie Taft, Miss M. Morris, Miss Harriet Robeson, Miss Geraldine Lermit.

Chairman Slagle: If there are no further nominations, nominations will close and we will proceed with the election.

Chairman Hall in the chair.

Chairman Hall: I will appoint as tellers Delegate Dunton and Delegate Haas.
Delegate Slagle moved and the motion was seconded and carried that as there are six nominees and but two to be elected after the first ballot the two receiving the lowest number of votes be dropped, unless any two have received the majority of the whole; if after the second ballot none of the nominees have a majority of the whole the one of the four having the lowest number of votes be dropped.

The delegates proceeded to ballot. The result of the first ballot was: Mrs. Sullivan, 9; Mrs. Davis, 6; Miss Taft, 5; Miss Lermit, 5; Miss Morris, 3; Miss Robeson, 3.

Before proceeding to the next ballot the names of Miss Morris and Miss Robeson were dropped.

The second ballot resulted in: Mrs. Sullivan, 9; Mrs. Davis, 8; Miss Taft, 5; Miss Lermit, 5.

There being a tie between Miss Taft and Miss Lermit, Miss Lermit withdrew in favor of Miss Taft and the house proceeded to the third ballot.

The result of the third ballot was: Mrs. Sullivan, 14; Mrs. Davis, 10; Miss Taft, 5.

Chairman Hall declared Mrs. Cornelius Sullivan and Mrs. Carl Henry Davis elected to the board of managers to serve for the ensuing year.

Chairmen of Committees

Committee on Installations and Advice, Mrs. Eleanor Clarke Slagle; Committee on Research and Efficiency, Mr. Thos. B. Kidner; Committee on Publicity and Publications, Dr. Wm. Rush Dunton, Jr.; Committee on Finance, Miss Marion R. Taber; Committee on Teaching Methods, Miss Ruth Wigglesworth.

Delegate Dunton: Regarding the meeting place for next year it has been suggested several times that we meet at about the same time as other associations and among them was the American Hospital Association. The matter was taken up and considered yesterday but was apparently lost sight of at that time, so that it would be well to reconsider the action, on the part of the society, as to the time and place of our next meeting which has already been voted upon and adopted. If any other places are to be considered, or any other time, reconsideration of our former action is in order.
Delegate Lermit: The surgeon-general sent a general invitation for us to meet in Washington next year. I think there has been a good deal of feeling regarding this matter, but it was thought that he would at least like to send an invitation for the consideration of this society.

Chairman Hall: We began in New York, then went to Chicago, then to Philadelphia and now we are here in Baltimore. It would seem as though Boston were a fair and logical place in which to meet, in a general way, and as to meeting in Washington, after being in Baltimore this year, that might be called, practically, one location. The West sends us an invitation. There are a great many members of the society in the Middle West who cannot come East to attend our convention. We have received an invitation from Milwaukee which was almost a unanimous invitation with Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio.

Delegate Dunton: I suggest that the matter be brought up in the house of delegates; let it be left to the house of delegates to decide. It seems to me that there are a number of things that might be considered at a meeting of the house of delegates. It takes this society too long to warm up at a meeting.

Delegate Slagle: I desire to make a motion at this time before we adjourn.

Mrs. Slagle moved, That we extend a vote of thanks to Miss Taylor of the Boston Society for her design and express our approval thereof.

The motion was seconded and carried.
The house of delegates adjourned.