

of Iowa and as a man trained in historical research, the law and museum work.

In a recent interview he said:

"I am conscious of the responsibilities resting upon me as curator of this department. I did not assume them lightly and I hope to measure up to the fulness of these responsibilities. I have undergone an extensive and intensive training for this task, both in academic and so-called practical fields. My predecessors, Charles Aldrich and Edgar R. Harlan, wrought according to their desires and interests. I recognize what each accomplished. I hope to do as well in 'fields that are mine.'"

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### MEDICAL CONVENTION

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In pursuance of a published notice, sundry Physicians, from different portions of the State convened at the Capital, on the 6th of December, 1848, for the purpose of organizing a State Medical Society; and having appointed Drs. W. W. Woods, Chairman, and J. W. Flint, Secretary, they concurred in the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st—That Drs. S. S. Ransom, W. H. White and J. M. Vaughn, be a committee to prepare a constitution for the future government of the society—Dr. S. S. Ransom, Chairman.

2nd—That Drs. W. H. White, W. McCormick, and J. W. Flint, be a committee to prepare for the society, rules on Medical Ethics—Dr. W. H. White, Chairman.

3rd—That Drs. George Reeder, I. M. Weatherwax, S. M. Ballard, J. Nasler, and E. D. Ransom, be a committee to prepare for the adoption of the society, a fee bill—Dr. G. Reeder, Chairman.

4th—That Dr. W. W. Woods, be requested to address the society, at the opening of its next convention.

7th—That this meeting adjourn to convene at Burlington, on the first Wednesday in May, 1849.—*The Bloomington Herald*, Bloomington [now Muscatine], Iowa, December 23, 1848. (In the Newspaper Division of the Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa.)

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