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INTRODUCTION.

In this work, The History of the Jefferson Medical College, the primary object is to set forth the character and career of a School of Medicine which from the first has held a leading place among similar institutions, and which has, at every stage of its history, exerted exceptional influence in the medical profession. Its foundations are directly traceable to the days and events which marked the beginnings of scientific medicine in America. Its struggles for existence and recognition, as traced in the heroic efforts of its founder, George McClellan, give added interest to that great name. The success which it eventually achieved, and the place which it has come to fill, reflect honor upon all who were participants in the work of establishment and development, and are a source of pride to all who have been its beneficiaries.

The institution has too long been without an adequate and accessible history. Prior to this work, there was only the brief history by Dr. James W. Holland, published in the Class-Book of 1899—an accurate and admirable narrative, but, by space limitation, necessarily wanting in many particulars. When the present work was projected, many prominent representatives of the Jefferson Medical College gave their hearty encouragement and lent their efforts to its support. In the “History of the Jefferson Medical College” Dr. Gould has, perhaps, performed his most useful and meritorious work, coming to his task with ample knowledge of his subject, and a degree of interest at once commendable and admirable. Upon his and their own behalf the publishers make grateful acknowledgment of obligations to various gentlemen for valuable assistance—to Dr. James W. Holland, Dean, for opening various avenues of information, and verifying important documents; and to Mr. William Potter, President of the Board of Trustees, for access to the records of that body. To Dean Holland is also due our thanks for affording access to the Library and other rooms of the College to the photographer. Mr. E. N. Fought has made the prints for the reproduction of the historic plates and portraits of former teachers which accompany the historical text.

These volumes are concerned, secondarily, with personal factors—the character of the men who, for the service rendered in instruction, guidance, and inspiration, themselves deserve to be held in honor. Following after
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them are the ranks of those so highly favored as to have been the objects of their care. In neither case can it be expected that in the compass of this work a complete account can be given of the character and career of any; nor is it possible even to make mention of all whose names have been inscribed upon the rolls. What is attempted here is an exhibition, as shown in its Alumni, of the general results of the work of the Jefferson Medical College, in its office of professional education.

Nor is this a selection of what may be arbitrarily considered the best examples, but a broad illustration from the entire array of instructors and instructed. While it may not be doubted that those who are here presented have achieved more or less eminence in their various fields of effort, it should be borne in mind that the great number of those whose names were not obtainable have also in manifold good works and honorable achievements illustrated the genial influence and positive benefits of the collegiate training. Indeed, the larger influence of such an institution lies in what does not readily respond to analysis, investigation, or enumeration, but reaches out into the countless invisible but powerful influences that make up the daily life of man, in all his relations with his fellows, and so have a part in the development and coloring of human history. The examples found herein are of a representative character, showing the influence of a liberal professional training. It is impossible to trace or estimate the effect of the manifold activities that have radiated from the Jefferson Medical College. But from such a history as is contained in these pages, and from the glimpses into the lives and work of the teachers and students presented, enough is to be discerned to justify the foresight of the founders of the institution, the generosity of its patrons, and the fostering care of the State. This department of the work—the gathering of personal data, and the writings based thereupon—has necessarily been committed to the regular editorial staff of the publishing house which has undertaken the issuance of this history.

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