

"BRIEF HISTORY OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL  
AS INDICATED BY THE MINUTES OF  
THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA."

\*\*\*\*\*

At the June 1870 meeting of the Regents of the University of California, a communication was presented from the Toland Medical College through its Dean, Thomas Bennett, expressing a desire to affiliate the College with the University of California and offering to transfer the property of the institution to the Regents.

This matter was referred to the Executive Committee who recommended the affiliation at the next meeting (July 19th, 1870). The Board thereupon adopted a resolution expressing a willingness to enter the arrangement and to accept the property offered at the last meeting. It was also resolved to designate the College thereafter as "The Medical Department of the University of California."

At the next meeting (August 2, 1870) the Board adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That a College is hereby created and organized which shall be known and designated as "The Medical Department of the University of California."

At the last meeting of the year, (December 6, 1870) the resolution adopted July 19th providing for the acceptance of the property of the Toland Medical College was "repealed" on account of the fact that Doctor Toland had since stipulated that the department should be named "The Toland Medical Department of the University of California."

This upset in the arrangement resulted in the resignation in a body of the faculty which had been appointed during the previous year (March 7, 1871). At the same time the Board adopted a resolution establishing "The Board of Medical Examiners of the University of California" whose duty it was "to examine all students applying for a medical diploma from the Medical Colleges of the Pacific States and Territories." It was further resolved "that the Regents of the University will confer degrees upon such students of medicine as may be recommended therefor by the Faculty of their respective Colleges, and whom the Board of Medical Examiners shall report entitled thereto, and upon none others."

The minutes of the Board contain no further mention of the School or of negotiations with the Toland Medical College until two years later (March 4, 1873). At this date a new communication was received from the Trustees of the Toland Medical College offering to transfer to the Regents the property of the College without restriction. The Board voted to accept this gift and recorded its "grateful appreciation."

April 1, 1873 the special committee appointed to organize the Medical Department rendered a report which resulted in the unanimous adoption of the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That a College is hereby created and organized which shall be known and designated as the Medical Department of the University of California.

Resolved, That the several Professors in said Medical Department shall be elected by the Regents, and shall hold their office upon the same terms as the other Professors of the University."

At the same meeting the following Faculty was appointed:

H. H. Toland	Clinical Surgery
R. B. Cole	Obstetrics and Clinical Diseases of Women
H. Gibbons, Jr.	Materia Medica and Pharmacy.
C. F. Deane	Diseases of Women and Children.
C. M. Bates	Clinical Medicine
W. T. Bradbury	Therapeutics
E. Bentley	Pathology
A. A. O'Neil	Anatomy
Geo. Hewston	Theory and Practice of Medicine
H. Gibbons, Sr.	Medical Jurisprudence & Mental Diseases
A. Barkan	Ophthalmology and Otology
D. Van Deuburgh	Mechanical Dentistry.
W. J. Gounger	Dental Surgery.
Thomas Price	Chemistry and Toxicology
M. W. Fish	Physiology
C. Brigham	Orthopaedic Surgery.
L. C. Lane	Principles & Practice of Surgery

The School was early opened to young women as well as to men, for September 15, 1874 a formal resolution was adopted to the effect that "young women offering themselves for admission and passing the required examination must be received to all the privileges of the Department."

Affairs at the School did not go as well as the Regents desired and in consequence on December 31, 1877 the resignations of the entire faculty were requested. At the same time it was voted to adopt as a standard of study and graduation "one not lower than that of the University of Pennsylvania or of the Medical Department of Harvard University."

At the next meeting (January 10, 1878) a new faculty was appointed.

The gradual growth of the School resulted in a demand for post-graduate instruction. The Regents recognized this need and accordingly adopted the following resolutions October 13, 1891:

"1. That a Post Graduate course be established in the Medical Department of the University of California to be designated as the Post Graduate Medical Department of the University of California.

"2. That all the professors and instructors shall be elected by the Regents.

"3. That the Faculty of the Post Graduate Medical Department shall