

Association at least *four* delegates, and in those provinces where no Provincial association exists, that one delegate be received from each local association, and that the secretary of this Association be instructed to communicate to this effect with the various provincial and local medical associations."

Moved by Dr. Gardner, seconded by Dr. Sullivan, that the report be received and adopted.

After motion of thanks to the President, Educational Department, and retiring Secretary, the meeting adjourned.

Selections.

LETTERS TO MY HOUSE PHYSICIANS.

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LETTER II.

BERNE, May 21, 1890.

DEAR T.: Within an hour after reaching Basel we were in the *Vesalianum*, as the anatomical institute is called, looking for the skeleton which Vesalius presented to the university when he was here in 1542-'43 supervising the printing of his great work. Historically this is probably the most interesting museum specimen in existence, and to Professor Roth is due the credit of determining accurately the fact of its association with Vesalius. Several years ago he sent me his paper on the subject, an abstract of which you will find in the *Medical News* for 1887 (or 1888) in an editorial note. The plates of his work were drawn from this skeleton, which is treasured by the Basel faculty as a most precious relic. Above the glass case in which it is contained is this inscription: "*Männliches Skelet das der Meister der Anatomie Andreas Vesal, aus Brüssel, der hiesigen Universität schenkte als er 1543 sich in Basel aufhielt um der Druck seines grossen Anatomischen Werkes zu besorgen.*" Well may he be called the Master of Anatomy, the great Reformer in Medicine, for his work loosened the chains of tradition in which the profession had been fast bound for centuries. His was a bold and venturesome spirit which could dare dispute the statements of Galen and Hippo-