

HISTORY

OF

VANDEBURGH COUNTY

INDIANA,

FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO THE PRESENT, WITH BIOGRAPHICAL
SKETCHES, REMINISCENCES, ETC.

ILLUSTRATED.

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cology and nervous diseases; Dr. C. P. Bacon, professor of diseases of women; Dr. George P. Hodson, professor of obstetrics; Dr. F. W. Achilles, professor of chemistry and toxicology; Dr. L. D. Brose, professor of anatomy; Dr. C. E. Lining, professor of materia medica and therapeutics; Dr. E. Linthicum, professor of genito-urinary diseases; Dr. J. O. Stillson, professor of physiology and diseases of eye and ear; Dr. H. G. Jones, professor of theory and practice; Dr. G. M. Young, professor of hygiene and medical jurisprudence: Dr. Jacob Kerth, demonstrator of anatomy.

Hospital Medical College.—The organization of this institution was due to the efforts of Dr. A. M. Owen. It was chartered in 1872. Its first faculty was composed as follows: Dr. Geo. B. Walker, dean and professor of obstetrics; Dr. A. M. Owen, professor of surgery; Dr. Charles Knapp, professor of theory and practice of medicine; Dr. C. M. Dudenhausen, professor of materia medica and therapeutics; Dr. John E. Owen, professor of anatomy; Dr. A. M. Scott, professor of physiology; Dr. Edward Murphy, professor of chemistry; Dr. W. D. Neal, professor of diseases of women; Dr. J. S. Gardner, dean of anatomy. The college was so ably managed and its instructors were of such high standing in the profession that its success was remarkable. Degrees were conferred on nine graduates at the close of the first year, and in all about fifty physicians received its diplomas. The death of Dr. Walker, in 1887, was a serious blow to the institution. The engrossing demands of Dr. Owen's practice forced his resignation, and principally because of these losses in the faculty it was deemed best to suspend operations under the charter. The enterprise was highly successful and it is now the purpose of the friends of the old institution to revive it and again make Evansville the

seat of a medical college which will be the pride of the state.

Hospitals.—The U. S. hospital was fitted to receive patients in 1857. M. J. Bray, M. D., was appointed post-surgeon. His successors were J. P. DeBruler, M. D., and J. B. Johnson, M. D., appointed respectively in 1861 and 1862. The medical staff, composed of the college faculty, held clinics semi-weekly. After the late war the U. S. hospital was sold to the Sisters of Charity, who changed its name to St. Mary's hospital.

The City hospital is a private enterprise, being instituted by some of Evansville's most respectable and skillful physicians, among them Drs. W. S. Pollard, R. Hartloff, E. Walker, G. Hodson, J. Kerth, J. C. McClurkin, and E. Linthicum and others. It received its first patients in 1883, and has since done much good.

The Small Pox hospital was built in 1884 and is in a good condition to receive patients.

The asylum for the poor, built and sustained by the county, was finished in 1838, at an expense of about \$80,000.

Medical Journals.—*The Western Retrospect of Medicine and Surgery*, edited and published by H. M. Harvey, M. D.; N. A. Lewis, M. D., and H. M. Newell, M. D., was established in 1872; was quite popular, though with a limited circulation, and continued publication but a short time. *The Indiana Medical Reporter*, a monthly journal of medicine and surgery, edited by Doctors A. M. Owen, J. W. Compton, J. E. Harper, Arch. Dixon, and J. Gardner, was first issued in 1880. It was a popular journal and ably conducted for about two years before its publication ceased.

Physicians of Note not Elsewhere Mentioned.—From the earliest times the medical profession has been ably represented at Evansville. Many, no longer connected

doctor and is holpen thereby hath confessed hysterics already unto condemnation.”

The following named physicians practiced medicine in Vanderburgh county for awhile, but moved away and have since died: Dr. Charles S. Weever, Dr. P. E. Garrett, Dr. S. Thompson, Dr. L. L. Laycock, Dr. Negley, Dr. Stockwell, Dr. Cregg, Dr. Everett, Dr. Newell, Dr. Finch, Dr. Welborn, Dr. Davidson, and Dr. Kruse.

Roster of Physicians.—The following is a complete list of the physicians who have been licensed to practice in Vanderburgh county under the acts of 1885, relating to the practice of medicine, surgery and obstetrics: Richard A. Armistead, Henry S. Ashford, L. R. Allen, F. W. Achilles, Paul Artell, Thomas E. Allen, Nicholas R. Alvey, James Allison, Alfred T. Bennett, Louis D. Brose, A. H. Bryan, William D. Babcock, Baxter W. Begley, Joseph F. Blount, John T. Binkley, O. A. Bartenwerffer, Madison J. Bray, sr., A. B. Barker, Jerome S. Belter, S. L. Bryan, C. P. Bacon, S. D. Brooks, G. B. Beresford, T. J. Baldwin, Matilda Caldwell, John W. Compton, W. C. Couden, R. M. Corlew, Fred S. Compton, E. L. Carter, John L. Clark, William Cross, George P. Crosby, D. A. Crawford, Wilbur F. Clippinger, Joseph B. Crisler, John L. Dow, B. J. Day, William R. Davidson, F. L. Davis, H. T. Dixon, William W. Dailey, G. H. Eiskamp, William A. Fritsch, Walter Failing, Louis Fritsch, William Falsettor, Frederick F. Fuller, Carl Flucks, William E. Fitzgibbons, Simon Gumberts, J. S. Gardner, George Gilbert, Willis S. Green, William Gramm, C. H. Gumaer, John F. Glover, A. M. Hayden, L. S. Herr, A. S. Hayhurst, A. S. Haynes, Alonzo S. Hazon,

Richard Hartloff, George Hodson, Henry H. Hooker, William A. Hewins, Thomas J. Hargan, P. N. Hoover, William A. Hunt. E. H. Hart, Samuel C. Henderson, H. W. Hendrick, Louis Henn, August F. Illing. Joseph Jacobsohn, Charles Knapp, Jacob H. Kerth, F. H. Kelley, J. B. Kirkpatrick, Victor Knapp, William J. Laval, John Laval, Edward Linthicum, James H. Letcher, Thomas Maser, John C. Minton, Matthias Muhlhausen, Carl G. R. Montaux, William A. Maghee, David A. Moore, Hans von Metzradt, Victor H. Marchaud, Charles H. Mason, C. A. McMahan, Joseph C. McClurkin, P. Y. McCoy, J. C. McClurkin, Henry F. McCool, Alexander McMillen, Benjamin F. McCoy, John E. Owen, A. M. Owen, Arthur O'Leary, P. Ottmann, Carl Ludwig Oehlmann, W. D. Neel, E. Noble, Elvis G. Neel, Seaton Norman, William S. Pollard, Johannes Pirnat, J. J. Pennington, T. E. Powell, George C. Purdue, Willis Pritchett, S. Rouark, William G. Ralston, Thomas H. Rucker, W. B. Rose, John Rutter, William J. Reavis, Ethan Spencer, P. L. Schuyler, Wilhelmina Suiter, Philip H. Simmons, Theodore Schulz, T. W. Stone, Henry M. Sherman, Freeman W. Sawyer, A. H. H. Sieffert, Augustus Soper, Lee Strouse, Katherine S. Snyder, T. H. Taylor, William J. Tapp, Monroe Tilman, C. C. Tyrrell, George A. Thomas, George Taudehoff, B. C. Thorp, William Vitzdamm, George W. Varner, Geo. B. Walker, Floyd Williams, Isaiah Wilton, Edwin Walker, Anthony P. Witting, William Weber, Ludson Worsham, Herman Wilde, W. M. Walden, C. V. Wedding, John B. Weever, Ralph B. Watkins, Hamlin J. Walters, Thomas F. Williams, G. M. Young, and George W. Yates.



M. Millican, P. C.; J. G. Owen, C. C.; A. D. Tenny, V. C.; W. S. Feller, P.; J. H. Rohlender, M. at A.; C. J. Morris, K. of R. and S.; F. J. Ehrman, M. of E.; C. C. Tenny, M. of F.; Elwood Moore, O. G.; George Skinner, I. G. This lodge prospered, and now has 119 members. Its present officers are: L. Worsham, P. C.; Willis Howe, C. C.; A. R. Tanner, M. of E.; A. W. Munson, K. of R. and S.; James Foster, P.; C. C. Tenny, M. of F.; W. P. Willis, V. C.; J. C. Selzer, M. at A., and C. A. Weaver, O. G. This lodge was the parent of lodges established at Princeton and New Harmony.

Ben Hur Lodge, No. 197.—This is the youngest lodge in the city, and was also brought into existence chiefly through the efforts of Sir Knight J. G. Owen, the well-known lawyer, popular in Pythian circles because of his earnest and successful efforts to enlarge the usefulness of the order. It was instituted June 28, 1888, with the largest charter membership of any K. of P. lodge in the state. It now has about 105 members. Its first officers were: Charles Laval, P. C.; James G. Owen, C. C.; Mort J. Compton, V. C.; William A. Page, K. R. and S.; J. C. McClurkin, P.; F. M. Gilbert, M. of F.; Louis H. Legler, M. of E.; Ed Stinson, I. G.; Harry Stinson, O. G. Those now serving are: Charles Laval, P. C.; J. G. Owen, C. C.; Philip Moore, V. C.; William A. Page, K. of R. and S.; F. M. Saunders, P.; F. M. Gilbert, M. of F.; Louis H. Legler, M. of E.; Thomas Jenner, I. G., and Harry Stinson, O. G.

The Uniform Rank, Evansville Division, No. 4.—In 1877 thirty-five members of Orion lodge organized what was termed "The Drill corps." The members were all enthusiastic on the subject, and took hold of the work with a determination to become leaders in lodge drilling. A few months after the organization of this corps, a state

encampment of the order was held at Indianapolis. The Evansville corps attended, and by its splendid drilling, captured a second prize.

On September 2, 1879, the Evansville drill corps merged into what has since been Evansville division, No. 4, of the uniform rank. The same members that constituted the drill corps composed the new uniform rank, although a number of additions were afterward made.

In 1882, the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias of the world, convened at St. Louis, and during its session the national encampment met there. Evansville division, under command of Sir Knight Capt. Charles Myerhoff, attended and entered the drill, carrying off second prize. Later the members of this rank lost their interests, and it came near being abandoned. This, however, was prevented by Sir Knight Ehrman and a few other members. The rank is now well drilled, and great interest is manifested in its work. The rank now has about seventy members and the following officers: A. D. Tenney, captain; Frederick J. Ehrman, lieutenant; Charles C. Roser, herald; Frederick H. Burton, secretary; R. E. Graves, recorder; W. L. Swormstedt, treasurer.

Crescent City Rank, No. 49, was instituted July 12, 1888. It is composed of splendid material — knights who take a deep interest in its affairs and whose standing in the community is such as to insure for the rank a high position. It contains thirty-five members, and its officers are: captain, Charles Wunderlich; lieutenant, Joseph Burk; herald, W. W. Ross; recorder, A. N. Groves; treasurer, D. M. Gilbert. The various lodges of the Pythian order in Evansville are made up of such meritorious men that individual mention is not possible in the limited space allotted to this subject. How-