

## APPENDIX F

### FIRST MEDICAL SOCIETIES IN NEBRASKA

The first meeting of the physicians of Omaha, looking toward the organization of a medical society, was held June 14, 1866, when the Omaha Medical Society was organized with 13 members. The officers were: President, Dr. J. P. Peck; Vice-President, Dr. August Roeder; Secretary, Dr. I. N. Rippey, and Treasurer, Dr. J. H. Peabody. This society met with a good degree of regularity, devoting itself to the discussion of papers presented and to other matters touching with the interests of its members. On December 17, 1866, a fee-bill was adopted.

At a meeting held February 10, 1868, preliminary steps were taken to organize a State Medical Society. This action culminated in the following June in perfecting that organization, the successor of which, the Nebraska State Medical Association, today, we are all rather proud.

Dr. J. M. McKesson came to Lincoln in 1863. Dr. H. D. Gilbert, Dr. George W. French, and Dr. J. W. Strickland were in practice in the vicinity of Lincoln before 1870. The medical profession of Lincoln was organized first May 24, 1869. Of the pioneer physicians the only ones who appear as members of the Nebraska State Medical Society organized in 1868 are Drs. F. G. Fuller and L. H. Robbins (both 1870).

Dr. A. R. Mitchell located in Lincoln in 1879 and was one of the organizers of the "Lincoln Medical Society," in November 1880. Dr. Mitchell was a prominent physician in Lincoln until his death in 1933. He was President of the Nebraska State Medical Society, 1900; delegate to the American Medical Association a number of times, and for 17 years preceding his death was one of the Trustees of the American Medical Association.