

Guide to the Yale University School of Medicine Miscellaneous Papers

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Collection Overview

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DATES: 1810-1886

BULK DATES: 1863-1885

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 0.5 linear feet (1 box)

LANGUAGE: English

SUMMARY: The collection contains papers of the Medical Institution of Yale College (Yale University School of Medicine) including correspondence, committee reports, financial reports, and memorials to the Yale Corporation, especially during the period when Charles A Linsdley served as Dean (1863-1885).

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b. box
f. folder

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Transferred to the Medical Historical Library by the Beinecke Library in 1977. Previously the collection had been on long term loan to the Historical Library, since 1961, from the former Rare Book Room at Sterling Memorial Library.

Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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Preferred Citation

Yale University School of Medicine Miscellaneous Papers, Historical Library, Cushing/Whitney Medical Library, Yale University.

Biographical / Historical

The Medical Institution of Yale College was chartered by the Connecticut Legislature in 1810 as a joint project of Yale College and the Connecticut Medical Society. The Society, which had the state's power to set standards and to license candidates for medical practice, agreed to require a year of attendance at Yale or similar medical college in addition to an apprenticeship in order for a candidate to be licensed. Two years attendance were required for an M.D. In return, the representatives of the Society participated jointly with representatives of Yale in nominating professors for vacancies and in examining candidates for the license and the M.D. Leading members of the Medical Society were invited to address the graduates at the commencement ceremony each year. Also, each county medical society could nominate a student for a free course of lectures for a year. The Medical Institution opened in 1813, with four teaching faculty: Nathan Smith, Benjamin Silliman, Eli Ives, and Jonathan Knight. Students paid each professor directly for each course. In the period of the deanship of Charles Augustus Lindsley, this system underwent major changes. In 1875, the Medical Institution offered a three year graded course, but because of the agreement with the Connecticut Medical Society, the three years could not yet be required for an M.D. In two stages, 1879 and 1884, the agreement between the Society and Yale was dissolved, ending participation of the Society members on committees and allowing Yale to require the three-year course to obtain an M.D. In 1879, the medical school made an agreement to use the New Haven Dispensary, relocated near the medical school, for clinical teaching. The apprenticeship requirement was replaced by clinical teaching courses at the Dispensary. That same year, the Medical Institution of Yale College became the Medical Department of Yale College and obtained a new charter from the State Legislature. In 1880, students began to pay tuition to Yale College which then paid the professors. In this period, physician/professors made the bulk of their income through private practice. By the 1870s, the Medical School was running at a deficit, and was dependent upon the Corporation to make an annual appropriation from general funds.

Scope and Contents

The first series consists predominantly of incoming correspondence to the Dean of the Medical Institution of Yale College (Yale University School of Medicine), the President of Yale College (Jeremiah Day, Theodore Woolsey, Noah Porter), or the Secretary of Yale College (Franklin B. Dexter). Included are responses to offers of chairs and letters of resignation of chairs. Also, there are a number of letters from graduates of the school who have not yet paid their fees. The second series contains reports of the joint committees of representatives of Yale and the Connecticut Medical Society for nominating professors and for examining candidates for the M.D.; various petitions from students to the medical school; correspondence and memorials from the Dean or medical faculty or committees of the medical faculty to the President and the Yale Corporation; and financial reports of the medical school and requests for appropriations. A number of papers document the medical school's unique relationship with the Connecticut Medical Society and its dissolution in 1879-1884; the school's reorganization as the Medical Department of Yale College in 1879; the School's agreement with the New Haven Dispensary to use its facilities for clinical teaching; and the serious financial problems of the school. Of special note are several early letters related to the organization

of the Medical School in 1810-1812, including three letters from Benjamin Silliman to Jonathan Knight (Jr.) in 1812, two letters from Jonathan Knight, Sr. to Jonathan Knight in 1812, and a letter in 1810 from Timothy Gridley to Jonathan Knight, Sr. on recruiting Nathan Smith. The bulk of this collection dates from the deanship of Charles Augustus Lindsley (1863-1885).

Arrangement

Organized in two series: 1. Incoming Letters to the Dean or the Yale Administration. 2. Committees and Internal Records.

Collection Contents

Series I: Incoming Letters to the Dean or the Yale Administration, 1810-1886

Letters by individuals, organized alphabetically, to the Dean of the medical school, the President of Yale (Jeremiah Day, Theodore Woolsey, Noah Porter), or the Secretary of Yale (Franklin B. Dexter). They include, among other subjects, letters of acceptance for positions on the medical faculty and letters of resignation, and letters from former graduates who still owe tuition debt. Some letters are from medical faculty members, expressing their personal opinions to the Yale administration.

b. 1, f. 1	Incoming Letters A	
	Abernethy, August H., to Worthington Hooker Late payment of student debt by a graduate (M.D., 1864).	1867 October 10
	Ainey, David C., to Charles A. Lindsley A former graduate (M.D., 1860) thanks Lindsley for extending the repayment period for student debt.	1864 June 13
	American Medical Association Committee on Medical Education Dr. Thomas asks, on behalf of the committee, for details of the Medical Institution of Yale College: numbers matriculating and graduating; length of course; presence of summer course; if clinical attendance is required; if dissection is required; and if possession of a diploma alone is sufficient for practice.	1865 May 1
	Asta-Buruaga, Louis, to George Jarvis Brush Encloses a copy of regulations for examination in medicine in the University of Chile and a copy of <i>Diario Oficial de la Republica de Chile</i> (November 3, 1884) which recognized the Yale M.D. for practice in Chile. Brush was Professor of Metallurgy at Yale College, 1864-1898.	1885 June 27
b. 1, f. 2	Incoming Letters B	
	Baldwin, Simeon E., (Office of) to Lindsley Legal opinion on the bequest of Dr. David Paige Smith's medical and surgical instruments.	1881 June 23
	Barker, George F., to Noah Porter Resignation of chair of physiological chemistry and toxicology.	1873 April 9
	Bartow, Samuel B., to [Lindsley] Whether William H. Webster attended and graduated from the medical school.	1869 June 3
	Beard, George M., to Lindsley Beard (M.D., 1862) sends a bond note for payment of tuition debt.	1868 September 30
	Beckwith, Frank Edwin, to Franklin B. Dexter Acceptance of the chair of obstetrics.	1880 July 3
	Beckwith, Frank E. to Franklin B. Dexter Resignation of position.	1885 May 2

Incoming Letters B (continued)

	Beers, Timothy P., to Theodore Woolsey Resignation of chair of obstetrics.	1855 December 10
	Bennett, Hanford N., to Lindsley Asks if he is on the Committee of Examination. See folder 17.	1865 July 17
	Bentley, Edwin, to Worthington Hooker On the Bentley Microscopical Prize. See folder 25.	1866 June 22
	Brigham, Norman, to Worthington Hooker Recommends a student from his county for free tutiton. Each county medical society was allowed to nominate a student from the county for a free set of lectures.	1865 August 9
	Bronson, Henry, to Theodore Woolsey Resignation of the chair of materia medical and therapeutics.	1852 January 16
	Bronson, S. Henry, to Lindsley Concerning the New Haven Dispensary. See folder 36.	1879 February 20
	Bronson, S. Henry, to Lindsley Resignation of position.	1879 May 31
	Brundage, John D., to Lindsley Brundage (M.D., 1864) inquires about taking the examination for M.D.	1864 July 14
	Burr, Horace, to Lindsley Despite ill health, he will give the annual address to the graduates.	1863 December 7
b. 1, f. 3	Incoming Letters C	
	Campbell, James, to Franklin B. Dexter Acceptance of chair of obstetrics.	1886 July 3
	Carmalt, William H., to Lindsley Acceptance of lectureship in ophthalmology.	1876 October 13
	Carmalt, William H., to Franklin B. Dexter Acceptance of chair of ophthalmology.	1879 October 30
	Carrington, Charles, to [Lindsley] Recommendation of Clayton Woodford for a gratuitous course.	1866 June 11
	Coer, Charles F., to Lindsley Asks for his views on potassium bromide.	1868 January 4
	Connecticut Medical Society to Lindsley Recommendation of Clayton Woodford for a gratuitous course.	1866 July 10
	Connecticut Medical Society to Lindsley G. W. Chamberlain, Secretary of the Connecticut Medical Society, asks for clarification of the differences between the old and new charters of the Medical Institution of Yale College.	1883 March 12

b. 1, f. 4	Incoming Letters D-G	
	English, James E., to Noah Porter, David P. Smith, and Benjamin Silliman He is too busy for any new engagements.	1876 April 4
	Fairfield County Medical Society to [Lindsley] Signed by Samuel Sands, Clerk. Recommendation of C. Seymour for a gratuitous course.	1865 August 16
	Fairfield County Medical Society to [Lindsley] Samuel Sands, Clerk. Recommendation of C. T. Morgan for a gratuitous course.	1866 September 28
	Foote, Elial T., to Faculty of the Medical Institution of Yale College Includes copy of letter from Lindsley to Foote requesting him to sit in the audience at the "Clinique" [Knight Hospital?]. Foote is offended that he cannot sit in the area where other practicing physicians are seated.	1864 November 21
	Gardner, Edwin L., to Lindsley Gardner (M.D., 1862) asks to defer student debt.	1863 December 17
	Gardner, Edwin L., to Lindsley Asks to defer student debt.	1866 June 8
b. 1, f. 5	Gridley, Timothy, Hanover, New Hampshire, to Jonathan Knight, Sr. His conversations with Nathan Smith and the possible appointment of Smith to the faculty of the new medical school at Yale.	1810 November 20
	Incoming Letters H	
	Hamlin, Pra G., to Lindsley Asks if Lindsley will accept another's bond to pay for tickets to the lectures of Moses White and Dr. Hill. Lindsley redirects the letter to White.	1870 February 15
	Harris, Andrew, to Jeremiah Day Declines appointment to medical faculty.	1838 July 30
	Hastings, P. M., to Lindsley Will not be able to attend Examination Committee.	1868 July 14
	Hennepin County Medical Society, Minnesota, to Lindsley Secretary, W. F. Hutchinson informs Lindsley that H. H. Leonard filed a diploma from Yale dated 1850, but is now practicing homeopathy in this county "with an openly avowed disbelief" in what he was taught. Lindsley might wish to take action. [H. H. Leonard is not listed in published records as a medical graduate of Yale in 1850.]	1869 October 1
	Hill, Asa (President of Connecticut Dental Association), to the President and Faculty of Yale College Lengthy memorial calling for the establishment of dental instruction at Yale.	1865 November 2
	Hill, Seth, to Lindsley Former graduate (M.D., 1861) introduces his friend John H. Grannis who wishes to attend medical lectures.	1866 September 6

Incoming Letters H (continued)

	Hine, Elmore C., to Lindsley Former graduate (M.D., 1861) can pay his debt in July or August.	1867 March 26
	Hitchcock, William E., to Lindsley Former graduate (M.D., 1866) requests a statement of the money he owes.	1870 November 19
	Hubbard, Stephen P., to Franklin B. Dexter Objects to the appointment of David P. Smith as lecturer in jurisprudence without discussion by the medical faculty.	1879 September 15
	Hubbard, Stephen G., to Franklin B. Dexter Asks for a meeting to discuss the issue of appointments by the Corporation.	1879 September 26
	Hunt, Ebenezer K. to Lindsley Asks for a copy of the articles of agreement between Yale College and the Connecticut Medical Society.	1865 February 27
	Hunt, Ebenezer K., to Lindsley Asks what appropriations, if any, has the city of New Haven made to the Hospital.	1865 March 23
	Hunt, Ebenezer K., to Lindsley Cannot comply with Lindsley's request (offer of an appointment?)	1867 December 25
b. 1, f. 6	Incoming Letters I-J	
	Ingersoll, Charles R, (Office of) to Lindsley Has sent to the Yale Treasurer the amount of the legacy from Mrs. Keese for the benefit of the medical school.	1880 March 24
	Ives, Eli, to Theodore Woolsey Resignation of the chair of theory and practice of medicine.	1853 May 30
	Ives, Charles Linnaeus, to Noah Porter Resignation of the chair of theory and practice of medicine.	1873 March 7
	Jackson, James C., Hartford, to Worthington Hooker The private medical school with which Drs. Leonard Sanford and Francis Bacon are connected [possibly clinical instruction through Knight Hospital] asked permission to print a circular in the Proceedings of the Connecticut Medical Society. Would the Medical School also want a circular printed? A note by Hooker to Lindsley on the back of the letter asks how to respond.	1865 July 5
	Jackson, James C., to Lindsley Having learned of the pecuniary status of the medical school, he assents to Lindsley's proposition [to request funds from the Connecticut Medical Society or its members?]	1865 July 13
b. 1, f. 7	Incoming Letters K-L	
	Kenyon, Napoleon B., to Lindsley Kenyon (M.D., 1864) requests an arrangement for payment for lectures.	1863 September 4

Incoming Letters K-L (continued)

	Knight, Henry M., to Jonathan Knight Concerning the Medical Society's choice of Leonard Sanford to replace Worthington Hooker, and any misunderstandings that might have occurred.	1863 June 16
	Knight, Henry M., to Lindsley Received money for expenses for serving on the Examinations Committee.	1866 July 28
	Knight, Jonathan, Sr., Norwalk, to Jonathan Knight Written while Jonathan Knight was studying medicine in Philadelphia. Knight became one of the original professors of the Medial Institution of Yale College.	1812 March 26
	Knight, Jonathan, Sr. to Jonathan Knight	1812 December 9
	Knight, Jonathan, to Henry M. Knight Concerniong the nominations made by the Committee on Nomination of Professors.	1863 May 30
	Lewis, George F., to [Lindsley] Sends a check.	1865 August 24
b. 1, f. 8	Incoming Letters M	
	Macfarlan, Malcolm, to Lindsley Macfarlan (M.D., 1865) asks for a certificate attesting to his graduation and Hooker's "testimonial" for a postion in the Army.	1866 October 15
	Mann, Matthew D., to Lindsley Offers himself as a candidate for lecturer on diseases of women.	1879 September 10
	Mann, Matthew D., to Franklin B. Dexter Acceptance of lectureship in gynecology.	1879 November 17
	Mann, Matthew D., to Franklin B. Dexter Will continue as lecturer for another year.	1880 October 29
	<i>Medical and Surgical Reporter</i> to Lindsley The editor and proprietor, S.W. Butler, requests payment of bill for advertising.	1863 September 29
	Minor, William Chester, to Lindsley Minor (M.D., 1863) encloses the money still owed for student fees.	1867 March 30
	Morgan, John, to Lindsley Morgan (M.D., 1869) asks if he can take the examination for M.D.	1868 July 7
	Morgan, John, to Mr. Ingham [?] Will attend the winter course of lecture and asks assistance in finding a place to board with his wife in New Haven.	1868 August 22
	Munson, Byron W., to Lindsley Munson (M.D., 1869) would like to attend a course of lectures and asks for information.	1866 August 18

Incoming Letters M (continued)

	Munson, Byron W., to Lindsley Thanks him for letter and circular.	1866 August 24
	Munson, Byron W., to Lindsley About A. J. Steele, who is treating people by medical electricity and whom Munson believes to be a dangerous fraud	1867 July 8
b. 1, f. 9	Incoming Letters N-Q	
	<i>The Nation</i> to [Lindsley] W.P. Gamson, for the publisher, promotes the benefits to the Medical Institution of advertising in the <i>Nation</i> .	1868 August 3
	New Haven Water Company Agreement to supply water to the Medical Institution of Yale College for ten years.	1872 September 26
	Paddock, L. S., to Lindsley Agrees to give the commencement address.	1867 January 29
	Peckham, Fenner H., to Lindsley Requests an arrangement for payment of fees for his student N. B. Kenyon (M.D., 1864) and will hold himself responsible.	1863 September 15
	Porter, Issac G., to Lindsley Concerning giving the commencement address.	1864 November 10
	Porter, Isaac G., to Lindsley On his coming to New Haven the next day.	1865 January 11
	Porter, Isaac G., to Lindsley Responds to Lindsleys's request for a copy of his commencement address for publication.	1865 January 26
	Porter, Isaac G. to Lindsley Sends the corrected proofs.	1865, February 21
	Porter, Isaac G., to Lindsley Sends a paper containing a notice of the Medical Institution (not included) for possible use by the agent who has been appointed to raise funds.	1866 January 16
	Prudden, T. Mitchell, to Franklin B. Dexter Reluctantly declines a chair because his present position at the College of Physicians and Surgeons provides better opportunities.	1880, July 6
	Quincy Medical Society to [Lindsley] The Secretary, Addison Niles, who is recording the institution and date of degree for all practitioners in his area, requests a printed list of graduates, or whether Louis Watson graduated from Yale in 1840 [he did].	1867 August 31
b. 1, f. 10	Incoming Letters R	

Incoming Letters R (continued)

	Rodman, C. S., to Leonard Sanford Declines a prize of \$15 for his [anatomical?] "preparation." The original amount offered was \$30.	1864 January 12
	Rowe, Charles H., to Lindsley Rowe (M.D., 1864) requests Lindsley's recommendation for a position in a military hospital.	1864 June 14
	Rowe, Charles H., to Lindsley Requests certification of his graduation and testimony to his "morals."	September 1 [no year]
	Russell, Gurdon W., to Lindsley Will give the commencement address.	1865 September 25
	Russell, Gurdon W., to Lindsley Does not want his address published.	1866 January 16
b. 1, f. 11	Letters: Silliman, Benjamin Silliman, Benjamin, to Jonathan Knight These letters relate to the organization of the Medical Institution of Yale College. Silliman, professor of chemistry at Yale, and a future professor of chemistry in the new medical school at Yale, writes to Knight who is studying medicine in Philadelphia. The Prudential committee has appropriated \$200 for Knight to bring back anatomical preparations. .	1812 January 4
	Silliman, Benjamin, to Jonathan Knight Discusses the anatomical preparations desired, including three skeletons. Thinks Kinght has more claim on an appointment in the new school than anyone else.	1812 January 29
	Silliman, Benjamin to Jonathan Knight Silliman tells Knight that he will be appointed to the faculty and gives him advice on preparation for the position. The appointment is to remain secret for now.	1812 May 18
	Silliman, Benjamin, to Jonathan Knight Candidacy of Nathan Smith and concern about his "infidelity" in religion.	1812 December 22
	Silliman, Benjamin, to Jeremiah Day On lectures given by medical faculty for Yale College. Suggests that William Tully be appointed a paid lecturer in botany in Yale College.	1838 August 11
b. 1, f. 12	Letters: Smith, David P. Smith, David P., to Noah Porter Expresses his interest in a possible appointment in the medical school.	1873 March 8
	Smith, David P., to Noah Porter Thanks for appointment as professor of the theory and practice of medicine.	1873 June 18
	Smith, David P., to Franklin B. Dexter Acceptance of appointment.	1873 September 20

Letters: Smith, David P. (continued)

	[Smith] Franklin B. Dexter to David P. Smith Will discuss with the Corporation authorizing of Smith's suggestion to give lectures on medical jurisprudence.	1878 September 20
	Smith, David P., to Noah Porter On his lectures on medical jurisprudence.	1878 September 28
b. 1, f. 13	Incoming Letters S-T	
	Scofield, W.K., to Lindsley Former student in 1859-1860 asks about conditions for obtaining a Yale M.D.	1867 December 20
	Shelton, G. A., to Lindsley Asks for an annual circular of the Medical Institution of Yale College.	1866 31 July
	Silliman, Benjamin (Jr.), to Lindsley Criticism of Lindsey's memorial to the Corporation that Dispensary physicians and clinical teachers be recognized. The object could be better met through the medical school's plan of reorganization.	1879 June 20
	Smith, Herbert E., to Franklin B. Dexter Accepts posititon and asks about salary. (Smith becomes professor of chemistry and Dean of the Medical School from 1885 to 1910.)	1885 May 26
	Stearns, H. P., Retreat for the Insane, to Franklin B. Dexter Agrees to continue for another year as "lecturer on insanity."	1880 October 28
	Thomas, T. Gaillard, to Lindsley Recommends Matthew D. Mann for a lectureship. (Mann becomes lecturer in gynecology, 1879-1881.)	[1879?], October 12
	Tolland County Medical Society to Lindsley Society recommends Julian N. Parker (M.D., 1867) for a gratuitous course of lectures.	1866 July 17
b. 1, f. 14	Incoming Letters: W-Wh	
	Wadsworth, J. W., Austin, Texas, to Lindsley Would like to attend a course of lectures and requests an annual circular.	1868 December 23
	Wakefield, J. S. to Lindsley Former student (M.D., 1847) lost his diploma in an Indian outbreak and inquires about obtaining a replacement.	1869 March 5
	Walker, Alfred Eastman, to Lindsley Walker (B.A., 1864, M.D., 1867) asks if his undergraduate course in chemistry would qualify for medical school course and for his being able to take the examination for M.D.	1867 June 29
	Welch, F. G., to Lindsley Student asks if he can delay payment of fees.	1869 October 27

Incoming Letters: W-Wh (continued)

	White, Moses C., to Noah Porter	1881 October
	On financial issues including salary of professors, payment of student fees, and money left over for apparatus. Written as a "private estimate" rather than the "official estimate." "Examined and approved by B. Silliman."	
	White, Moses C., to the Prudential Committee of Yale College	1882 June 21
	His dissenting assessment of the reasons for the "depressed condition of the Medical Department." See folders 36 and 38.	
	White, Moses C., to Noah Porter	ca. 1881
	He personally opposes as unfair the hiring of instructors at the high salary of \$1200. See folders 36 and 38.	
b. 1, f. 15	Incoming Letters, Wi-Z	
	Wilcox, Lucian S., to Moses C. White	1877 August 11
	Acceptance of the chair of theory and practice of medicine.	
	Wilcox, Lucian S. to Franklin B. Dexter	1877 September 15
	Acceptance of the chair of theory and practice of medicine.	
	Williams, Lewis, to Lindsley	1868 July 14
	On his coming to New Haven to serve on the Examination Committee.	
	William Wood & Co. to Lindsley	1866 June 21
	Proposes that the school advertise in the <i>Medical Record</i> .	
	Woodford, Clayton, to [Lindsley]	1866 August 5
	Concerning the misunderstanding by which he did not get a gratuitous course of lectures. (See letters from Charles Carrington, and from Connecticut Medical Society, folder 3).	
	Young, Francis J., to Lindsley	1865 July 18
	Young (M.D., 1866) requests an annual circular and asks if he may now take the gratuitous course of lectures he was recommended for in 1862.	

Series II: Committees and Internal Records, 1819-1886

b. 1, f. 16	Committee to Nominate Professors	1829-1886
	The Committee to Nominate Professors nominated physicians to the President of Yale and the Yale Corporation to fill vacant chairs in the medical school. For almost all of the period, the Committee was a joint committee of representatives of Yale and the Connecticut Medical Society. Afterwards, the faculty of the Medical Department nominated professors and lecturers.	
	Nomination of Thomas Hubbard and William Tully	1829 June 24
	Charles Hooker, Secretary of Connecticut Medical Society, to Jeremiah Day On the membership of the joint committee.	1833 May 8
	Nomination of Andrew Harris or Jonathan Knight to be Professor of Surgery	1838 July 18
	Nomination of Charles Hooker to be Professor of Surgery He was nominated after Harris and Knight declined.	1838 August 13
	Nomination of Charles Hooker	1839 August 6
	Nomination of Henry Swainson as Professor of Materia Medica	1841 December 28
	Nomination of Worthington Hooker	1852 February 3
	Recommendation that Benjamin Silliman and Eli Ives be continued as emeritus professors	1853 June 2
	Nomination of Leonard J. Sanforth	1863 May 6
	Nomination of Stephen G. Hubbard to be professor of obstetrics	1864 March 17
	Letter of Connecticut Medical Society (Moses C. White, Secretary) Certifying the representatives of the Connecticut Medical Society on the Committee to Nominate Professors	1873 May 31
	Nomination of David Paige Smith to be professor of the theory of practice of medicine	1873 June 10
	Transfer of David Paige Smith to the chair of surgery Report of Benjamin Silliman, M. C. White, and L. J. Sanford claiming that it is the power of the faculty with the consent of the President of Yale to transfer faculty from one chair to another.	1877 July 30
	Nomination of Lucian S. Wilcox	1877 September 12
	Nomination of James K. Thacher to the chair of physiology	1879 June 16
	Board of Professors nominating clinical lecturers and assistants Letter continued September 24, 1879.	1879 June 12

Committee to Nominate Professors (continued)

	Lindsley to Franklin B. Dexter nominating new professors and lecturers Lists members of Connecticut Medical Society on the Committee to Nominate Professors and informs Dexter that the Medical Faculty requests two other professorships, a chair of ophthalmology and otology for William H. Carmalt, and a chair of clinical surgery for Francis Bacon. Also requests the nomination of two lecturers.	1879 October 11
	Lindsley to Franklin B. Dexter for the Board of Professors nominating lecturers and assistants Board of Professors in Medical Department nominate H. P. Stearns as "Lecturer on Insanity," William Carmalt as "Lecturer on Ophthalmology," M. D. Mann as "Lecturer in Gynecology," and Herbert E. Smith as assistant to the professor of chemistry.	1879 October
	Nomination of Frank Beckwith and T. Mitchell Prudden for professorships	1880 June 28
	Lindsley to the President and Fellows of Yale College On the transfer of William Carmalt to the chair of surgery	1881 June 27
	Lindsley to the President and Fellows of Yale College Recommendation of T. Mitchell Prudden as lecturer in histology for one year.	1881 June 27
	Lindsley to Franklin B. Dexter On the appointment of various lecturers for the year.	1883 June 23
	Lindsley to Franklin B. Dexter Nomination of C. Purdy Lindsley to be demonstrator of anatomy.	1883 October 1
	Lindsley to Franklin B. Dexter Requests appointment of various lecturers for the year and their salaries.	1884 June 20
	Lindsley to Franklin B. Dexter Requests appointment of lecturers for the year.	1885 June 23
	Herbert E. Smith to Franklin B. Dexter Herbert E. Smith followed Lindsley as Dean. Requests appointment of Samuel W. Williston as assistant professor and appointment of various lecturers and assistants.	1886 May 19
	Herbert E. Smith to Franklin B. Dexter Addresses for Dexter to notify appointees.	1886 May 21
	Herbert E. Smith to Franklin B. Dexter Nomination by the medical faculty of James Campbell as professor of obstetrics and Henry Swain as a lecturer.	1886 June 28
b. 1, f. 17	Committee of Examination: Candidates for M.D., 1819-1829 Folders 18-23 contain letters or reports from the Committee of Examination for the Medical Institution of Yale College to the President and Fellows of Yale College listing those students who passed the examination and should be awarded an M.D. For most of this period, the Committee consisted of members of the Faculty and members of the Connecticut Medical Society. The list for 1822 is missing..	1819-1829

b. 1, f. 18	Committee of Examination: Candidates for M.D., 1830-1839 Missing 1835	1830-1839
b. 1, f. 19	Committee of Examination: Candidates for M.D., 1840-1849 Missing 1848	1840-1849
b. 1, f. 20	Committee of Examination: Candidates for M.D., 1850-1859 Missing 1850, 1851, 1858	1852-1859
b. 1, f. 21	Committee of Examination: Candidates for M.D., 1860-1879 Missing 1860-1862, 1864-1869, 1873, 1879	1863-1878
b. 1, f. 22	Committee of Examination: Candidates for M.D., 1880-1889 Missing 1881, 1882, 1887-1889	1880-1886
b. 1, f. 23	Notes on qualifications of applicants for admission	1877, 1885
	Report of a committee on admissions (Moses White and Stephen G. Hubbard)	1877 October 18
	Notes on the qualifications of five students and whether they should be accepted and whether fees should be reduced.	
	Results of a preliminary examination of candidates for admission	1882
	Scores on examinations in physics and mathematics and whether the candidates passed. Only 5 of 11 candidates passed both examinations.	
b. 1, f. 24	Student petitions to the Dean and Medical Faculty	1851-1878
	Class of 1852 to "Gentlemen of the Medical Faculty" Asking for a public event the day after examinations at the end of their studies to commemorate their graduation. The class recommends a valedictorian and a class poet.	1851 December 8
	"Statement" of Cornelius Wade Bull to the Medical Faculty Bull (Yale College, 1863, M.D., 1867), a current student from Tallahassee, Florida, requests to take his second course of lectures gratuitously as a county student because of his recent loss of access to property in Florida. He has voted in New Haven.	1863
	"Petition from Students 1877-78 for Obstetrical Clinic"	1877-1878
	"Petition for a course of lectures on Medical Jurisprudence"	1878 April 9
	Petition "Respecting Public Exercises at the Close of Terms" Because of the class's "misfortune" in electing a valedictorian, the class petitions to omit the graduation exercises this year and that the medical faculty should in the future name the valedictorian.	1878 November 21
	Petition of senior and junior classes to exempt them from the newly required preliminary examination	[1878]
b. 1, f. 25	Microscopical anatomy prize 4 items concerning a student prize funded by Dr. Edwin Bentley for the best microscopic specimens on pathology or surgery.	1865

b. 1, f. 26	Committee on Obstetrical Instruction Leonard J. Sanford and C.A. Lindsley, Report of Committee on Providing Obstetrical Instruction for 1880-1881. The draft report is addressed to "Chairman."	1880
b. 1, f. 27	Letters from the Dean and Medical Faculty to the President of Yale College The Rev. Theodore Woolsey served as President of Yale College from 1846 to 1871, followed by the Rev. Noah Porter who was President from 1871 to 1886.	1868-1882
	Lindsley to Theodore Woolsey Objecting to supposed assumption by the Corporation of appointive power	1868 July 20
	[Lindsley] Interview with President Woolsey On the above issue	1868 July 22
	Francis Bacon and Moses C. White to Noah Porter On the need for funds to make improvements to the medical school's Museum.	1874 December 7
	Lindsley to Noah Porter 2 items. Statement of amounts advanced by professors for current expenses.	1874 December 8
	Lindsley to Noah Porter On advances made by professors for expenses of the school.	1874 December 15
	Lindsley to Noah Porter On the desirability of printing Porter's address on David Paige Smith	1881 June 27
	D. A. Cleaveland and Benjamin Silliman to the President and Fellows of Yale College They were appointed a committee to request a portrait of the late David Paige Smith.	1881 June 27
	Lindsley to Noah Porter Vote of the Medical Faculty on changes in tuition to be submitted to the Prudential Committee. The faculty recommends \$125 each for the first two years and \$75 for the third year.	1882 April 13
b. 1, f. 28	Letters from the President of Yale College to the Dean or Medical Faculty	1864-1867
	Theodore Woolsey to Jonathan Knight Corporation overrules Knight's and two other professors' objection to the appointment of Stephen Hubbard.	1864 March 31
	Theodore Woolsey to Lindsley Requests the Medical Faculty's opinion on a document (not included) that he received.	1865 November 6
	Theodore Woolsey to Lindsley On Dr. Hill's proposal on teaching dental surgery. See folder 5.	1866 June 30
	Theodore Woolsey to Lindsley On Dr. Hill's proposal on teaching dental surgery	1866 July 15

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	Theodore Woolsey to Lindsley He has arranged a meeting of the Committee on Nomination of Professors and would like some of the professors to speak on the need for more professorships and "the qualifications of the men you have thought of." Requests a list of medical graduates from last January.	1867 July 8
b. 1, f. 29	Letters from the Dean or Medical Faculty to the Secretary of Yale College Franklin Bowditch Dexter was Secretary of Yale College and of the Yale Corporation from 1869 to 1899.	1879-1885
	Lindsley to Franklin B. Dexter (postcard) On teaching medical jurisprudence.	1879 September 15
	Lindsley to Frankin B. Dexter Acknowledgement of appropriation of \$1000. Also a copy of this letter.	1880 April 9
	Lindsley to Franklin B. Dexter Request that the Corporation pay professors annual salaries, and that student fees be paid to the Treasurer of the College.	1880 April 9
	Benjamin Silliman, Jr. to Franklin B. Dexter As President of the Governing Board of the Medical Department, he informs Dexter that Lindsley will perform the duties of the chair of theory and practice of medicine.	1883 April 13
	Lindsley to Franklin B. Dexter On requirements for graduation.	1883 October 7
	Lindsley to William Carmalt On Carmalt submitting to the Corporation a vote concerning the Keese prize fund.	1884 June 23
	Herbert E. Smith to Franklin B. Dexter Changes in duties of certain professors.	1885 October 24
b. 1, f. 30	Letters from the Secretary of Yale College to the Dean These letters are Dexter's notices of action taken by the Yale Corporation on financial and other matters.	1874-1880
	Franklin B. Dexter to Lindsley Appropriation of \$500 from general funds for the benefit of the Medical Museum.	1874 December 17
	Franklin B. Dexter to Lindsley Corporation endorsed the bylaws submitted last June. See folder 32.	1875 December 9
	Franklin B. Dexter to Lindsley Appropriation of \$500.	1876 June 29
	Franklin B. Dexter to Lindsley Appropriation of \$500 and possible rental of a building for the Dispensary and the building of a chemical laboratory.	1877 June 29

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	Franklin B. Dexter to Lindsley Appropriation of \$500; representatives of Yale appointed to confer with the Connecticut Medical Society concerning amendments to the charter of the Medical Institution. See folder 37.	27 June 1878
	Franklin B. Dexter to Lindsley New charter of the Medical Department was not approved by the Corporation because of a particular section of the law which gives authority to the Connecticut General Assembly to amend or repeal the charter.	1879 June 24
	Franklin B. Dexter to Lindsley Appropriation of \$1122 which includes payment of \$200 to Moses White for undertaking extra work in obstetrics; lecturers were approved; notice of a statute regarding students dismissed from one department who apply to another.	26 October 1880
b. 1, f. 31	Letters from the Dean or Medical Faculty to the Treasurer of Yale College Henry Coit Kingsley was Treasurer of Yale College from 1862 to 1886.	1877
	Stephen G. Hubbard and Lindsley to Henry C. Kingsley They were appointed to be a committee of the Medical Faculty to provide a statement of the resources of the Medical Department, and they request information on interest on investments.	1877 Feb 14
b. 1, f. 32	Letters from the Treasurer of Yale College to the Dean or Medical Faculty Henry C. Kingsley to Stephen G. Hubbard and Lindsley Lists investments of the Medical College but denies as improper the other information requested.	1877, 1880 1877 February 15
	Henry C. Kingsley to Lindsley On the legacy from Mrs. Keese for the Keese Prize Fund.	1880 March 24
b. 1, f. 33	By-Laws of the Medical Department of Yale College These by-laws on the internal governance of the Medical Department were approved as amended by the Corporation on December 9, 1875.	1875
b. 1, f. 34	Financial Statements and Reports of the Medical Faculty Statements and reports of the Dean and Medical Faculty to the Prudential Committee or to the President and Fellows of Yale College. These show that the Medical School was operating on a very limited estimated budget (from \$2200 to to \$5800) and that expenses were greater than annual income. Each year the Medical Faculty, through its Dean, C. A. Lindsley, requested the Corporation to provide funds to make up the difference. At least some of these documents are drafts or copies kept by the Medical School.	1875-1881
	Lindsley to the Prudential Committee of Yale College Financial Statement of the Medical Department. 2 items.	1875 September 18
	"Estimate of Expenses for Ensuing Year" Signed by C. A. Lindsley and M. C. White for the Committee on Expenditures. 2 items.	1875 September 18

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Lindsley to the Corporation of Yale College The Medical Faculty requests an appropriation to meet current expenses for the year. The Committee on Expenditure has estimated expenses for the ensuing year.	1876 June 24
"Estimate of Expenses for Ensuing Year" Signed by C. A. Lindsley and M. C. White or Committee on Expenditures.	1876 June 24
Request of the Medical Faculty for an appropriation (draft)	1876 June 26
Lindsley to the Corporation of Yale College. Request for an appropriation to cover expenses.	1877 May 10
"Estimated Expenses of the Medical College from, July 1, 1877 to July 1, 1878" Signed by M. C. White and C. A. Lindsley	1877
"Reported Cost of Allegreth Refrigerating Room" "Examined and found correct by L. J. Sanford, March 7th, 1878."	1878 March 7
Faculty of the Medical Department to the President and Fellows of Yale College, "Report on the Financial Condition of the Institution for the year ending June 1st 1879" Detailed report listing the estimates expenses for fiscal year 1879, the actual expenses, and the estimated expenses for financial year 1880. Signed by C. A. Lindsley and M. C. White, "Committee on Expenses."	1879 June 25
"Financial Condition of the Medical Department of Yale College"	1879 August 1
"Medical Institution of Yale College, Annual Statement of Finances, with Estimates for the Year from June 1st 1878 to June 1st 1879" Signed Moses C. White and C. A. Lindsley	1878
Medical Faculty to the President and Fellows of Yale College, "Report of the Financial Condition of the Medical Department" Signed by C. A. Lindsley, M. C. White, and W. H. Carmalt, Financial Committee.	1880 June 26
"Confidential Estimate of Expenses Medical Dept: 1881-82"	1881
Memorandum The Medical Department requests funds to pay for the lectures by T. Mitchell Prudden and to purchase projection apparatus, a spectroscope, and apparatus to illustrate chemical physics.	1881 June
"Annual Budget" (Copy) Discusses the bequest of David Paige Smith of a large collection of surgical instruments. Signed by Moses C. White, C. A. Lindsley, W. H. Carmalt, "Committee of Med. Faculty."	26 October 1881
Medical Faculty to the President and Fellows of Yale College, "Report for the year ending Sept. 1, 1881 with estimates for the year ending Sep 1, 1882" Signed Moses C. White, C. A. Lindsley, and W. H. Carmalt, "Committee of Medical Faculty."	1881
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b. 1, f. 36	Memorials to the President and Corporation concerning the New Haven Dispensary	1877-1879
	Medical Faculty to the President and Fellows of Yale College On the need to negotiate with the New Haven Dispensary to facilitate clinical instruction in the Medical Department. Resolution of the faculty that the house adjoining the College be leased for the Dispensary. Signed by C. A. Lindsley.	1877 June 19
	Petition of members of the medical Faculty to the Corporation of Yale College ("not sent") Petition to formally recognize the teaching of the attending physicians at the Dispensary by appointing them instructors in the Medical Department. Not signed. (See Benjamin Silliman (Jr.) to Lindsley, June 20, 1879, in folder 13.)	1879 June
b. 1, f. 37	Dissolution of the agreement between Yale and the Connecticut Medical Society	1884
	Resolution of the Connecticut Medical Society, S. B. St. John, Secretary Resolution to cancel the articles of agreement between the Yale Corporation and the Society made in 1810 and any subsequent modifications.	28 May 1884
	Report of the Committee appointed on behalf of the President and Fellows of Yale College On dissolving the formal relationship between the Medical College and the Connecticut Medical Society. Signed by Frederick J. Kingsbury and Henry B. Harrison.	1884
b. 1, f. 39	Other Memorials of the Medical Faculty to the Yale Corporation	1830, 1872-1882
	Jonathan Knight, Memorial of the Medical Faculty on the need for a separate course of lectures on obstetrics and diseases of children	1830 September 7
	Draft resolution on the admittance of women to the Medical School In pencil. Would accept women only if they are admitted to the other departments of the University.	[1872] October 18
	Medical Faculty to the President and Fellows of Yale College, "A Memorial" (draft?) "A brief statement of the critical condition of the Medical Department," signed by S. G. Hubbard, Francis Bacon, and Benjamin Silliman. Contains a lengthy discussion of why there are not as many graduates as formerly.	1873 March 25
	Medical Faculty to the President and Fellows of Yale College Resolution that the Dickerman property adjacent to the Medical College be purchased.	1873 June 24
	Medical Faculty to the President and Fellows of Yale College Memorial on the "critical condition" of the Medical Department, the desire to adopt the three-year graded system, and the need to raise an endowment. Cooperation with the Connecticut Medical Society to secure an endowment has been "unproductive of practical results." Signed by Stephen G. Hubbard and Moses C. White, Committee.	1873 June 24

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	Committee on Expending the Museum Appropriation, Report Signed by C. A. Lindsley and M. C. White. Report on how the \$500 appropriated should best be spent. Draft.	ca. 1874 .
	Lindsley to the Prudential Committee of Yale College On the "disposal of the shed water from the rear of the College Building."	1875 June 11
	Request for funds for an instructor in histology and assistant in chemistry for one year Pencil draft, unsigned. See Moses C. White to Noah Potter, n.d., folder 14.	1882 June 28
b. 1, f. 39	State Legislation	1866, 1879
	Connecticut General Assembly, May Session, 1866, "An Act in alteration of an Act, entitled "An Act in relation to the Medical Institution of Yale College" Printed Act with manuscript annotations for updating.	1866
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