

Critic's Report of the
Therapeutic Society
of the
Medical Department of the N.Y. S.N. & M.S.
Schenectady, N. Y.,
May 19, 1899.

Contrary to the usual custom, I wish to say that the general order of the society was very poor. The members should remember that a society can flourish ^{only} when the members adhere strictly to the rules and regulations. They should follow the wise example of their honored president whose look or word ought to produce a quietness similar ^{to that in} a deaf mute school.

The secretary might add to his height and to the weight of what he says if he would stand up, like a soldier of Dr. James Eschen, when he reads the minutes or other reports.

The Head Physician should be censured for his tardiness in submitting his reports. He would do well ~~to~~ not to wait until the President has called for something else. As an ~~ex~~ president he should help in every way possible to promote order and good conduct.

The motion was of a superior order. The quietness ^{of the nation} and this habit of appearing to be far away, was very marked. It was about the shortest and most highly edifying production that the Society has had the pleasure of ~~hear~~ listening to.

The two yards of Synopsing was much enjoyed. Right here it would perhaps be seasonable to urge upon the secretary the advisability of acquiring a taste for responding to the reasonable requests of the Society regarding the preservation of these Synopses. Also to impress upon the members the fact that the Secretary does not have very much to do besides writing up minutes.

Too much can not be said about the debates. The one fault probably was its shortness.

The debates are necessarily the most important thing in the society and it should not be cut down to one half the usual time. Better by far, adjourn, than create such a bad precedent.

The adjournment is getting to be so important and so interesting that one looks forward, with pleasure, to the time for the motion to be put.

Let me urge upon the president
the necessity of cultivating the
spirit of mercy which he seems
to have lost.

F. W.

Critic for meeting
of May 12, 1899.
with apologies to the Sec for this
hasty and hieroglyphical Chirography