

School of Medicine Political Cartoon: “A Faculty Meeting”

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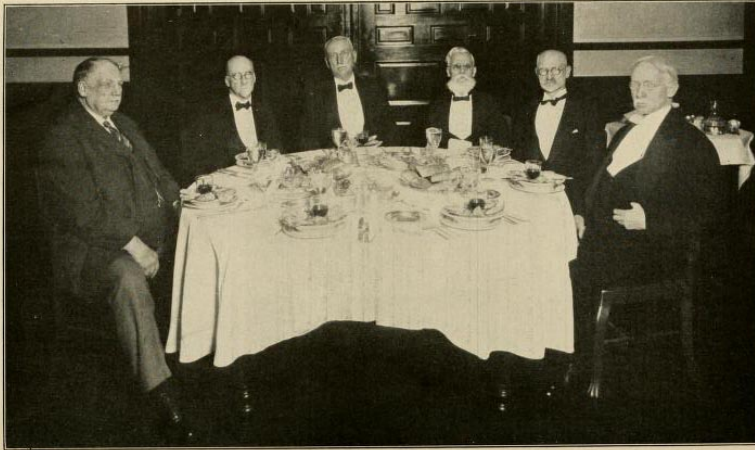


A Faculty Meeting by W.H. Arthur, Class of 1877, Colonel Medical Corps.

This unique interpretation of a School of Medicine Faculty Meeting was recently discovered among the records of the Health Sciences and Human Services Library. Donated to the library in 1938 by Dr. William H. Marsh, School of Medicine class of 1876, the cartoon represents the faculty of the school of medicine as donkeys standing around a dissection table. The cartoon was drawn by Colonel William H. Arthur, School of Medicine class of 1877, whose name appears in the lower right hand corner of the cartoon.

The faculty members represented from left to right include:

- L. McLane Tiffany – Professor of Operative Surgery*
- Christopher Johnston – Professor of Surgery*
- Richard McSherry – Professor of Principles and Practice of Medicine*
- William T. Howard – Professor of Diseases of Women and Children and Clinical Medicine*
- Samuel C. Chew – Dean, Professor of Material Medica and Therapeutics, and Clinical Medicine*
- Francis T. Miles – Professor of Anatomy and Clinical Professor of Diseases of the Nervous System*
- Julian J. Chisolm – Professor of Ophthalmie and Aural Surgery*
- George W. Miltenberger – Professor of Obstetrics*
- Frank Donaldson – Professor of Physiology and Hygiene and Clinical Professor of Diseases of the Throat, Lungs and Heart*



*From Left to Right—DOCTORS GORSUCH, WORTHINGTON, ROWLAND, WIEGAND, MARSH and BRINTON.
Doctor Belt was present, but arrived after the picture was taken.*

Photograph from Bulletin of the School of Medicine, University of Maryland, July 1926.

Dr. William H. Marsh of Maryland was born in 1851. As a student he was a clinical assistant for the University Hospital in 1875 and graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1876. His dissertation on [Hemiplegia](#) can be found in the Digital Archive at the HS/HSL. After graduation he became a Senior Resident Physician at Bay View Hospital in

Baltimore before moving to Solomons Island, MD to practice medicine in 1878. In 1890 he was named acting Assisting Surgeon in the United States Public Health Service (Marine Hospital Service) a position he held until his retirement in 1930. He was an active supporter of the University of Maryland Alumni Association until his death in 1941.

Colonel William H. Arthur, MD was born in 1856 in Baltimore. As a young man he had a talent for caricature. He graduated from the University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1877. His dissertation on the [Examination of Urine](#) can be found in the Digital Archive at the HS/HSL. In 1880, Dr. Arthur passed the Army Medical Board. Throughout his career he was stationed in New York, Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Washington, and Pennsylvania gaining experience in surgery. In 1898 at the start of the Spanish-American War, Dr. Arthur was promoted to Major and given a Cattle Ship, *the Missouri*, to turn into a floating hospital. He was later stationed in China and the Philippines. In 1907 he was assigned command of the General Hospital at Washington Barracks, which would become the Walter Reed General Hospital. In 1911, Dr. Arthur was promoted to Colonel and in 1918 to Brigadier General. On December 2, 1918 he was retired by order of the President. After retirement, General Arthur became the Medical Director of Georgetown University Hospital. He passed away on April 19, 1936.



Photograph from Wikipedia.

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