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**ALLEN MOON
PAPERS, 1889**

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USER INFORMATION

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

Allen Moon attended the Physio-Medical College of Indiana; one of his notebooks there is dated 1889. His name does not appear in Indianapolis or Anderson directories before 1900; he is listed in the 1902-1903 Anderson directory as a physician. with home and office at 1703 Arrow Avenue, wife Priscilla.

The Physio-Medical College of Indiana was organized in 1873-1874. It continued until at least 1900, situated principally at 28 1/2 Indiana Avenue, near Tennessee Street, and later at the northwest corner of North and Alabama Streets.

According to Sulgrove, the medical school was "an enlarged and systematized form of the Thomsonian practice." Samuel Thomson (1769-1843) had a "theory of disease based on the assumption that all ills are caused by heat and cold and that any treatment which increases inward heat will promote recovery...His method in general consisted in prescribing lobelia followed by cayenne pepper. Usually the vapor bath was also employed." Benjamin Rush is said to have treated Thomson kindly, but he was persecuted by other doctors.

Judging by these notebooks, the Physio-Medical College taught a good deal of standard medical practice as it was then understood, but there we are still prescriptions of lobelia for some ailments. Dr. Emanuel Anthony, mentioned in the second notebook, was professor of surgery at the College. He lived at 125 East Vermont Street, and had offices at 90 Massachusetts Avenue.

Sources: Dictionary of American Biography article on Samuel Thomson

Indianapolis and Anderson city directories, 1875-1905
Sulgrove, History of Indianapolis and Marion County
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SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection consists of two notebooks, containing notes on lectures at the Physio-Medical College. One notebook is labelled "Principles and Practice of Medicine continued from Book III," and contains definitions of diseases and some treatments. The second is labelled "Book 2 on Surgery-- Prof. Anthony Nov. 20 1889," and deals with the use of various surgical techniques for treatment of ailments including kidney stone, fraction of the patella, and dislocation of the humerus.

CATALOGUING INFORMATION

MAIN ENTRY: Moon, Allen fl. 1889-1903

SUBJECT ENTRIES: Physio-Medical College of Indiana
Medical students--Indiana--Indianapolis
Medical colleges--Indiana--Indianapolis
Medicine--Study and teaching--Indiana--Indianapolis
Education--Indiana--Indianapolis
Notebooks--Indiana--Indianapolis
School notebooks