PROGRESS OF MEDICINE DURING THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE HARVEY SOCIETY LECTURES

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The constitution of this society states its object to be the diffusion of knowledge of the medical sciences, or, more specifically, "the diffusion of scientific knowledge in selected chapters in anatomy, physiology, pathology, bacteriology, pharmacology and physiological and pathological chemistry." This statement implies that these sciences form the foundation on which the superstructure of medicine is built. That medicine itself is omitted from this catalogue of sciences suggests that medicine is something different, that as an independent branch of human knowledge it does not exist, or, if so, that its content and the methods for its pursuit are not of a character

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