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We have written about the foundation of the School of Medicine and its first professors, our physicians Theodor Wickerhauser, Miroslav Čačković and Dragutin Mašek. Professors had to take their oath of office and here we publish Dr Miroslav Čačković's oath he had signed in the presence of Antun Miha-novich, Vice-Roy of the Kingdom of Croatia, Slavonia and Dalmatia. It was only five months before the separation of Croatia from the Austro-Hungarian Empire in the tumultuous and fateful year 1918, that Professor Čačković took his oath. The text of the oath contains all forms of the then numerous and various oaths in the Kingdom: oath to God and King, at the end expressing hope and faith that God, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all God's Saints will help in performing the duties. Most interesting, however, is the

section referring to the teacher and the scientist who is expected to be fair, strict towards himself and objective in his judgment. All this is written in detail using currently obsolete terms, yet very readable and impressive, revealing the important role of the professors engaged at our just established School of Medicine. Subsequent events confirmed the excellence of both Professor Čačković and Professor Mašek (Professor Wickerhauser was not lecturer); Professor Čačković was the first Dean and Professor Mašek the first Vice-Dean of the School of Medicine. Although 95 years have elapsed since then, we may well and with all reason ask that "... you act in a strict and unbiased way at exams and when evaluating scientific work, never abandoning these principles for love or hate or any other reason ...".

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