

MEETING OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE CHORLTON UNION.

At a meeting of the medical officers of the Chorlton Union, held at the Union Offices, February 26th, 1856, Present—Messrs. Hatton, Kirkman, Allen, Midwood, and Greaves. It was resolved *nem. con.*

1. That the thanks of this meeting be tendered to R. Griffin, Esq., of Weymouth, for his exertions in the cause of Poor-Law Union Medical Reform.
2. That the medical officers of this union do form themselves into a local association for the attainment of this desirable object; and that Mr. Greaves be requested to act as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer.
3. That a subscription of five shillings per quarter be paid by every member of the Association.
4. That this meeting, without pledging itself to any details, approves generally of the main principles laid down in Mr. Griffin's circular.
5. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of the weekly medical journals, and to Mr. Griffin.

GEORGE GREAVES, *Hon. Secretary.*

MEETING OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE HENSTEAD UNION.

At a meeting of the medical officers of the Henstead Union (Norfolk), held on the 4th day of March, it was resolved unanimously:—

1. That this meeting pledges itself to further the movement commenced by Mr. Griffin, for a more equitable adjustment of the remuneration to Poor-Law medical officers.
2. That a subscription of five shillings per quarter be paid by each medical officer of this union, to defray the necessary expenses.
3. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mr. Griffin, and to each of the journals.

(Signed) J. B. PITT, A. F. MORGAN,  
C. DRAKE, F. W. MERRY.

MEETING OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE NORTHEACH UNION.

At a meeting of the medical officers of the Northleach Union (Gloucestershire), held on the 27th February, at the King's Head, Northleach, it was resolved:—

1. That we are of opinion no payment per case will be satisfactory, unless a distinction be made between thickly and thinly populated districts.
2. That the rates of payment for midwifery cases should be fixed according to distance—a guinea being the minimum beyond two miles.
3. That the Art. 177 in the Consolidated Order, should embrace a greater number of accidents, as many giving a great deal of trouble are omitted,—such as fractures of the cervicle, ribs, pelvis, and skull.
4. That a representation should be made to the Poor-Law Board, that some remuneration ought to be allowed to the medical officers for the trouble and inconvenience they are subjected to in granting certificates of the cause of death, such certificate being considered absolutely essential by the Registrar-General for a correct statistical return of the cause of death, and can only be obtained through the profession in such form as can be relied on.
5. That this meeting is of opinion that the most satisfactory mode of payment in thinly populated and agricultural districts will be by an increase of salary, in proportion to the extent of area.
6. That Mr. Bedwell be appointed Local Secretary, and that a subscription of five shillings quarterly be paid, if required, to defray incidental expenses.
7. That the thanks of the meeting are due to Mr. Griffin for his exertions on behalf of the union medical officers.

JOHN RALPH BEDWELL, *Local Secretary.*

**THE NEW OFFICER OF EDUCATION.** A Bill, brought from the Lords, empowers the Queen to appoint a Vice-President of the Committee of Council on Education, who may sit in the House of Commons. The Vice-President must be chosen from the Privy Council, and will hold office *durante bene placito*. The amount of his salary remains to be filled in by the House of Commons, to which assembly the Bill is now referred.

**THE BEDFORD ROW MURDER.** Westron, the murderer of Mr. Waugh, is, by the decision of the Home Office, to be condemned to penal servitude for life. The jury, it will be remembered, found him guilty of the murder, but also found that he was "predisposed to insanity".

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

LETTERS and other COMMUNICATIONS for the JOURNAL should be directed to the private address of the Editor, 39, Curzon Street, May Fair.

**TO CONTRIBUTORS.** The Editor would feel glad if Members of the Association and others, would cooperate with him in establishing as a rule, that in future no paper for publication shall exceed two pages of the Journal in length. If the writers of long communications knew as well as the Editor does, that lengthy papers *always* deter the reader from commencing them this great evil would never arise. Brevity is the soul of medical writing—still more than of wit.

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**R. B.** We anticipate that petitions in great numbers will pour in prior to the second reading of the Bill, and prove that it speaks the sentiments of the general body of medical men, outside as well as inside the pale of the Association.

*Communications have been received from:—*MR. E. HUSSEY; MR. J. CHITTY CLENDON; MR. WILLIAM THOMAS BELL; A WELL WISHER; MR. GEORGE GREAVES; MR. W. W. MORGAN; MR. R. GORHAM; MR. HENRY SHARPLES; MR. R. TURNER; DR. KIDD; DR. COCKLE; MR. J. V. SOLOMON; DR. ROBERTS; AN ASSOCIATE; A VERY OLD SUBSCRIBER TO THE ASSOCIATION JOURNAL; MR. R. C. N. DAVIES; DR. HERBERT BARKER; MR. L. NEWTON; DR. RADFORD; STUDENT; MR. T. HOLMES; DR. POWELL; MR. DAVIES; MR. MASFEN; DR. FREDERICK BROWN; THE MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE HENSTEAD UNION; DR. COCKLE; MR. PYE CHAVASSE; MR. JOHN RALPH BEDWELL (Northleach); MR. RICHARD GRIFFIN; DR. JOHN SLOANE; MR. HUMPHREYS; and A CHIRURGEON.

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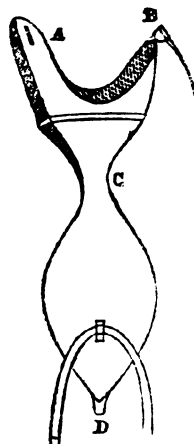
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