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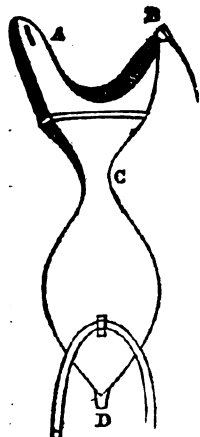
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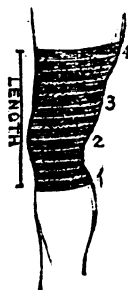


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2. That the medical officers of this union hereby form themselves into an association for the promotion of this movement.

3. That this meeting believes that the best method of carrying out the above views, will be by the presentation of a petition to Parliament as soon as possible; and that the members for the city of Manchester and county of Lancaster be requested to support its prayer.

4. That Mr. Armstrong be appointed Local Secretary and Treasurer.

5. That a subscription of 5s. each be entered into, and forwarded at once to Mr. Griffin: to be repeated quarterly, if necessary.

6. That a small subscription be likewise made for incidental expenses.

7. That the best thanks of this meeting are due, and are hereby given, to R. Griffin, Esq., for his exertions on behalf of union surgeons.

(Signed)

JOHN ARMSTRONG, Local Secretary.

MEETING OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF THE CROYDON UNION.

At a meeting of the medical officers of the Croydon Union, held on the 8th instant—present, Messrs. Johnson, Roper, and Tipple—the following resolutions were carried unanimously:—

1. That this meeting considers that the movement made by Mr. Griffin to improve the position and payment of the union medical officers is deserving of their support; and that the thanks of this meeting be given to Mr. Griffin for his exertions on their behalf.

2. That the system adopted by Boards of Guardians generally, of endeavouring to obtain medical officers at the lowest possible salary, is scarcely better than the system of tender formerly in use; for, whilst the authorities maintain it as an argument in favour of the system, that the appointments are eagerly sought after by numerous candidates (a statement requiring confirmation), it places the members of the medical profession in the questionable position of either accepting the appointment on the terms offered, or, by a refusal, subjecting themselves to be classified with inferior mechanics, as entering into a vexatious combination and opposition.

3. That the system of low remuneration depreciates the medical officer in the public opinion, and likewise in the opinion of the other members of the profession, at the same time that it enervates talent and stifles energy.

4. That this meeting suggests that the salaries might be fixed on a scale as follows:—On the average number of cases in each district during the last five years, at so much per case, at so much per acre for the extent of the district, and so much for mileage in those instances where a medical officer has to travel a distance to his district; the salaries to be readjusted every five years.

5. That we are of opinion that the medical officer to the workhouse should receive remuneration for such operations and services as would be paid to a district medical officer.

6. That a subscription of 5s. per quarter be paid by each of the medical officers of this union to the Secretary, to defray the incidental local expenses.

7. That Mr. Johnson be appointed Local Secretary.

8. That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to Mr. Griffin, and to the medical journals.

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2. That a payment of 5s. be made by each medical officer of this Union, and repeated as occasion may require.

3. Without pledging itself to details, this meeting approves generally the principles laid down by Mr. Griffin in his circular.

4. That the above resolutions be communicated to Mr. Griffin, and information solicited as to further proceedings.

5. That the resolutions be forwarded to the medical journals.

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