

General rules should be adopted by the physicians in every town or district relative to the minimum pecuniary acknowledgment from their patients; and it should be deemed a point of honor to adhere to these rules with as much uniformity as varying circumstances will admit.

It is derogatory to professional character for physicians to pay or offer commissions to any person whatsoever who may recommend patients to them. It is equally derogatory to professional character for physicians to solicit or to receive such commissions.

### CHAPTER III.

#### **The Duties of the Profession to the Public.**

As good citizens it is the duty of physicians to be very vigilant for the welfare of the community, and to bear a part in maintaining its laws, institutions and burdens; especially should they be ready to cooperate with the proper authorities in the administration and observance of sanitary laws and regulations; and they should also be ever ready to give council to the public in relation to subjects especially appertaining to their profession, as on questions of sanitary police, public hygiene and legal medicine.

It is the province of physicians to enlighten the public in regard to quarantine regulations; to the location, arrangement and dietaries of hospitals, asylums, schools, prisons, and similar institutions; in regard to measures for the prevention of epidemic