

views of the members of Parliament, in relation to the Medical Toleration Act, adopted by this meeting, and embodied in the Petition.

6. That the Petition adopted by this meeting, modified if deemed necessary, be printed and placed in the hands of the Township Committees immediately after their appointment, for presentation to every friend of Medical Toleration in their respective localities, that our Parliament may know the number of those whose righteous privileges are outraged by every intolerant act of Medical monopoly.

7. That the minutes of this meeting be published in the *Unfettered Canadian*, with the request that they be republished by Editors generally.

8. That as soon as Medical Toleration is restored to Canada, it will be the duty of Botanic Medical Reformers to establish, without delay, a Provincial College for the full development of the excellences of their system of treating disease.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting, having, after careful and cautious investigation, unanimously concurred in all these decisions adjourned, leaving all other preliminary matters in the hands of the Provisional Committee.

J. G. BOOTH,
Secretary.

FORM OF PETITION.

The Petition of the undersigned Freeholders and others of Upper Canada.

To the Honourable the Commons House of Assembly, of the Province of Canada, in Parliament Assembled,
MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH,—

That several different and even conflicting systems of Medical practice, each having its own peculiar merits, have already succeeded in obtaining many thousands of warm friends, conscientious advocates, and unflinching

adherents, among the most respectable and intelligent portions of the Canadian public; while, at the same time, the law regulating the study and practice of Medicine in this Province, recognizes *only one class* of practitioners to the great injury and oppression of all others, driving many of them from the country, and preventing others from entering the practice, who would, otherwise, willingly devote their time and attention to its investigation and development; thus rendering qualified practitioners of the proscribed systems, few in number, and very difficult of access, to the great grief, and serious detriment of their faithful adherents; many of whom are thus legally deprived of all Medical assistance, it being impossible to induce them to surrender their high trust of life, to the influence of a system of Cure, believed by them to be *directly opposed* to the true philosophy of health.

Further, that this conflict of opinions and systems cannot be expected to terminate, so long as the Science of Medicine continues in its present very *imperfect* and slowly progressive state; during the whole of which period, it will evidently be absolutely impossible, for any one system of Medical practice, however favoured by *class legislation*, to meet the wants and reasonable expectations of the whole community. To allow, therefore, a full and free competition between the contending systems, holding all their practitioners equally responsible for the success of their respective courses of treatment, and in the same penal liabilities.

Your Petitioners earnestly pray your Honourable House, to enact a law similar to the following during your present Session:—

AN ACT

To restore to the people of Upper Canada the advantages of Medical Toleration.

WHEREAS the laws now in force in Upper Canada for regulating the practice of Medi-