

merous, though respectable, considering the matter and the state of the roads.

The Meeting was organized by calling Dr. Wm. Howey, of Kempville, to the Chair, and H. W. Blanchard, Esq. was requested to act as Secretary. Mr. Blanchard having stated the probability of his having to leave before the business of the Meeting would be wholly through, A. Parish was requested to act as Secretary, and did so on the retirement of Mr. Blanchard.

It was then moved by J. G. Booth, Esq., seconded by Dr. James B. Howard,

Resolved, That a Botanic Medical Association be now formed to assist in bringing in to use the natural Medicinal resources of our own Country, and facilitating their application to the cure of disease on scientific principles.

Both the mover and the seconder of this Resolution spoke some time in support of the resolution, and the first speaker read from minutes in his possession, evidence of the necessity and probable utility of such association, not only to sustain the progress of Medicinal Reform in Upper Canada, but to maintain the long exercised and indispensable popular right of making our own herb tea, and drinking it ourselves or giving it to our neighbors, as we please—noticed some of the provisions of a bill got up by sundry Medical gentlemen of Toronto, to prostrate those rights—showed that Medical science and practice has always been more indebted to the demonstrated facts of the humble domestic practitioner, than to the hypothesis of the learned profession for successful modes of cure, and proved by facts and the acknowledgements of late Medical Authors, that the present state of the Old School Medical Theory and Practice, sought to be established with extraordinary unconstitutional Legal powers, is neither as *scientific* nor as *efficient* as the Thompsonian or Botanic system, they are thus endeavoring to put down; stated some statistical facts to prove that the number of Licensed Practitioners compared with the number of the people and the geographical extent of the Country, would preclude the possibility of forcing the people by law to depend exclusively upon that class of practitioners. The seconder of the resolution gave an account of some interesting facts that came to his knowledge in the course of his practice, by which the superiority of the Thompsonian over the Old System was clearly demonstrated—and read some statements of the origin of some valuable discoveries that have been made in application of our Canadian Vegetable Medicines to the cure of disease. The resolution was then put and unanimously carried.

The following resolutions were then put in succession and adopted by the Meeting.

Resolved, That the object of this Association

shall be not for the mutual improvement in the discovery and application of the natural Medical resources of this Country, but to procure the enactment of such equitable laws relating to the study and practice of Physic in this Province as will at once recognize and protect the Thompsonian or reformed practice, and respect the people's right to choose between the different systems or means of cure.

Resolved, That this Association shall be called the Thompsonian Medical Reform Association.

Resolved, That the following gentlemen, viz: H. W. Blanchard, A. Parish, J. G. Booth, Wm. Howey, and James B. Howard, be appointed a Committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for this Association, to be submitted for approval to the next general Meeting or Convention.

Resolved, That J. G. Booth and H. W. Blanchard, Esqrs. be appointed to collect statistical and other information on this subject, to be laid before the public in general and particularly before the members of the present Legislature, in pamphlet or other printed form.

ARZA PARISH,
Secretary.

Farmersville, 27th Oct., 1848.

Botanic Medical Convention.

The second General Meeting or Convention of Thompsonian Practitioners, and other friends of Medical Reform, will be held at Farmersville, on Wednesday the 27th day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to adopt a Constitution and By-Laws for the future government of "the Thompsonian Botanic Medical Reform Society;" to elect the official members required by the Constitution that is then adopted; and to discuss and act upon any other matter that may be thought necessary to promote the objects of the Association.

The Committee appointed to draft and report a Constitution, will meet at Farmersville the previous day, Tuesday the 26th, to prepare their report for the general Meeting.

JAMES B. HOWARD,
WM. HOWEY,
JOHN G. BOOTH,
HIRAM W. BLANCHARD,
ARZA PARISH.

FARMERSVILLE, December, 27th 1848.

The Convention called by the preceding notice, met this day in the large Hall of the Farmersville Temperance House, Rev. Robt. Dick, one of the conductors of the Brockville Academy, being called upon to preside, and J. G. Booth to act as Secretary, the following resolutions were then passed.