

Acceding to the request, the Commissioners met the committee named, at the office of the Municipality, on the 21st of March instant, and, after a prolonged discussion, the matter was left as it stood before.

At a meeting of the Hospital Commissioners, on the 3rd of May, 1895, the following resolution was passed :

The Commissioners having, on the 21st of March, met with a committee of the Municipal Council for the purpose of further considering a request of the said Council, that pay patients at the Hospital be allowed, if required, to have the service of their own physicians outside of the Hospital staff, and having heard the arguments of the committee of the Council regarding the matter, are still of the opinion that it would not be in the general interest of the Hospital to make any change in this department, and that the secretary write to the secretary of the municipality to this effect."

The idea of making the Hospital a boarding-house for the patients of every doctor in the city has been pursued with a determination worthy of a better cause.

In April last, at the instance of Dr. Berryman, a petition urging this measure—signed by *half* of the medical men in the city—was placed before the Board of Commissioners, but the arguments in support of it were not such as to induce them to rescind their former decision.

Our answer is, that room does not exist in the institution for such patients without excluding the poor, for whom alone the Hospital was established. It is incidental to all hospitals to have a few rooms for accident or emergency, but it never was contemplated that they should be open to all. It is idle to contend that the wealthy should be admitted because they contribute to its support. They contribute to the support of many institutions, but I have not heard of their demanding admission to any. No! this movement is for the benefit of the petitioners, who, having failed to establish a private hospital for their patients, come forward and ask the rate-payer to furnish one for them. Appreciating their wish to obtain rooms, skilled nursing, continued