

ADDRESS

OF THE

NEW-YORK VACCINE INSTITUTION;

WITH THE

ACT OF INCORPORATION

AND

BY-LAWS.

NEW-YORK:

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TO THE PUBLIC.

THE NEW-YORK VACCINE INSTITUTION was organized on the 21st February, 1843, and incorporated by Act of the Legislature, April 3d, 1844. It has been modelled upon the plan of the "Royal Jennerian and London Vaccine Institution for the Extermination of the Small Pox by the Extension of Vaccination," founded in 1806, which, supported wholly by voluntary contributions, has not only furnished immense supplies of pure Vaccine virus to various Metropolitan chemists, and afforded gratuitous vaccination to thousands of the poor at their own depositories, but has transmitted large quantities of Vaccine matter to the various European States—Africa, Asia, and South America, and particularly to the dependencies of Great Britain in the East and West Indies; the Cape of Good Hope, Sydney, and Australia.

A peculiar necessity exists for such an institution in this city, on account of the constant influx of emigrants, and the rapid changes in its population. The Small-Pox is justly regarded as a fearful and most destructive disease, and there have been periods in our history when its ravages have been widely extended among ourselves, in spite of every effort to stay its progress. The salutary operations of our dispensaries, and the active efforts of benevolence, have done much of late years to diminish its power, and lessen the number of its victims. Yet, each return

has been productive of misery and death—to such an extent, as to have led some to doubt the sufficient protection afforded by vaccination. Believing, as they do, in its absolute and perfect efficacy, and confident that almost every case in which it has proved unsuccessful is not to be attributed to a lack of power in the remedy, but to the use of improper virus, an unskilful operation, or some other similar cause, the Board of this Institution are anxious to extend its benefits, and to protect the community by providing a pure virus, which they pledge their best endeavors at all times to distribute, free of expense, and also to vaccinate, gratuitously, all persons who may apply for the purpose.

They have always in attendance a competent Physician to answer demands upon him, and to supply with Vaccine Virus, Physicians, Domestic and Foreign Missionaries, Ship-Owners, Sea Captains, Agents for receiving Emigrants, Manufacturers, and others, through whose agency the benefits of the Institution may be extended.

With this brief statement, the Board respectfully and earnestly present to their fellow-citizens the claims of this Institution upon their sympathy and aid.

AN ACT

To Incorporate the New-York Vaccine Institution in the City of New-York, passed April 3d, 1844, by a Two-third Vote.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows :

SECTION 1.—John C. Beales, M. D., Willard Parker, M. D., O. W. Sturtevant, Luke Hassert, M. D., Reuben P. Tanner, M. D., John Jay, Osborn McDaniel, James Weir, and John S. Cunningham, and such other persons as are now associated as Managers of the New-York Vaccine Institution for the extermination of Small-Pox, by the extension of Vaccination, or may hereafter become associated with them, are hereby constituted a Body Corporate, by the name of the “New-York Vaccine Institution.”

SECT. 2.—The persons named in the first section of this act, or a majority of them, shall elect from the persons designated in said first section, a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and four Directors, and the said President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors shall exercise all the corporate power of the said Vaccine Institution.

SECT. 3.—The persons named in the first section after they shall have been organized, shall adopt suitable By-Laws, not contrary to the Constitution and Laws of the State.

SECT. 4.—The said By-Laws shall provide for the annual election of Directors by the members of said New-York Vaccine Institution, and for the mode of holding said election at such time as shall be designated for their annual meeting, and if such election shall not be made at

the time and place designated therefor, then the said By-Laws may provide for making such election at some other time and such place as they shall designate.

SECT. 5.—The object of the said Institution is the extermination of the Small-Pox by the extension of Vaccination among all classes of citizens, and especially among Sailors, Emigrants, indigent persons, those employed in Manufactories, and Children. It shall be the duty of the Physician appointed by the said Corporation, to secure and preserve the best Vaccine Virus, and to vaccinate, gratuitously, all persons who may come to the Institution for that purpose; but the said Incorporation shall not sell, but may gratuitously supply such vaccine matter to any person applying for the same.

SECT. 6.—The Corporation may purchase and hold Real and Personal Estate for the extension and furtherance of its objects; but the amount thereof shall not exceed Five thousand dollars.

SECT. 7.—The said Corporation shall possess the general power, and be subject to the general restrictions and liabilities prescribed in the third title of the eighteenth chapter of the first part of the Revised Statutes.

SECT. 8.—The Legislature may alter or repeal this Act.

SECT. 9.—This Act shall take effect immediately.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

NEW-YORK VACCINE INSTITUTION.

Be it ordained by the Board of Officers of the NEW-YORK VACCINE INSTITUTION, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same, that the following Rules and Regulations be, and they are hereby established, as the Laws and Ordinances of the said Corporation :

OF THE MEMBERS.

1. All persons contributing Three dollars annually, or Twenty-five dollars at one time, to the funds of this Institution, shall be members thereof.

OF THE OFFICERS.

2. The Officers of this Institution, to wit, a President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and four Directors, shall be annually elected by the Members of the Institution, on the last Tuesday of April, at such place as the Board shall designate, and the Directors shall be entitled, first, second, third, and fourth Director. The Board shall have power to fill all vacancies that may occur, until the next regular election.

OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD AND ELECTIONS.

3. The Board shall hold stated meetings on the last Monday of February, and each alternate month thereafter, when four officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of the President, his place shall be supplied by the first Director, if he be present, and if not, by one of the other Directors, in order. At the first meeting of the Board after the annual election, they shall appoint a Physician to the Institution,

and two Medical Advisers to the Board, who shall hold their offices until the next annual election.

OF THE PRESIDENT.

4. The President, or in his absence, the first Director, may call a special meeting of the Board, whenever it shall be deemed necessary, and may appoint the time and place of meeting, on giving at least one day's previous notice. The presiding officer shall nominate all Committees, unless otherwise specially provided for by the Board.

OF THE SECRETARY.

5. The Secretary shall have the custody of the Seal of the Corporation. He shall attend the Meetings of the Board, and record the Proceedings in a Book kept for that purpose. He shall give prior notice of every Meeting, stated or special, to each of the Officers, and give due notice to all persons elected or appointed upon Committees. It shall be his duty to conduct all the proper Correspondence of the Institution, unless in special cases it is otherwise ordered, and preserve all letters received by him, and copies of all letters written by him, and he shall annually prepare and submit to the Board, at its last regular meeting before the election of officers, a Report upon the statistics and general operation of the Institution, and send a copy of the same, after it has been approved by the Board, to the Governor of the State, and the Common Council of the City of New-York, and such bodies and individuals as may be directed by the Board.

OF THE TREASURER.

6. The Treasurer shall give security, to be approved of by the Board, for the faithful performance of the trust. He shall have the custody of all bonds, title deeds, and other papers relative to the property of the Corporation, and shall receive and disburse all moneys of the Institution, depositing the same in one of the banks of the city of New-York, and keeping a proper account therewith, the money to be drawn from the banks by checks, signed by the Treasurer and Secretary. The Treasurer shall report, at each stated meeting, the receipts and disbursements of the past month, with the vouchers therefor, and the balance in the Treasury. He shall suggest, from time to time, the best means for adding to the treasury, and shall take such measures for that purpose as the Board, from time to time, may direct.

OF THE DIRECTORS.

7. The Directors shall, in their turn, month by month, visit the Institution at least once a week, and report thereon at the stated meetings of the Board.

OF THE DUTY OF THE PHYSICIAN.

8. The Physician shall be in attendance at the Institution every day (Sundays excepted, unless otherwise ordered,) from ten o'clock, A. M. to three, P. M., for the purpose of vaccinating such persons as may attend for that purpose, and of furnishing vaccine virus to all proper applicants. Whenever the Physician shall learn or be advised of the existence of the Small-Pox in any part of the city, he shall visit such neighborhood, and offer the benefits of the Institution, and take such measures for the extension of vaccination in the vicinity as he shall think proper, with the concurrence of the Visiting Manager. He shall procure, and at all times keep on hand, a sufficient supply of genuine Vaccine Virus, to answer the demands of Physicians therefor, and also to supply Domestic and Foreign Missionaries, Ship-Owners, Sea Captains, Agents for receiving Emigrants, Manufacturers, and other persons, through whose agency the benefits of the Institution may be extended. He shall keep a Register of the names of all persons vaccinated by him, with their place of nativity, age, and residence; and also of all applicants for vaccine virus, with the quantity furnished; and he shall present a written summary of such entries to the Board at each stated meeting, with all such particulars and suggestions as may be proper, to enable the Board to act accordingly. The Salary of the Physician shall be \$ per annum, and he may employ an Assistant, when the Board shall direct the same, at such salary as may be determined.

OF THE MEDICAL ADVISERS.

9. The Medical Advisers shall, when requested by the Physician, or the Board, visit the Institution, and give their advice touching the management of the same, and it shall be the duty of the Resident Physician at all times to conform to the advice of two of the Medical Advisers expressed in writing, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION.

President.

JOHN C. BEALES, M. D.

Treasurer.

OSCAR W. STURTEVANT, Esq.

Secretary.

JAMES WEIR, Esq.

Directors.

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| 1. JOHN JAY, Esq., | 3. JOHN D. RUSS, M. D., |
| 2. JACOB HARSEN, M. D., | 4. LUKE HASSERT, M. D. |

Medical Advisers.

JOHN C. BEALES, M. D., JOHN W. FRANCIS, M. D.

Physician.

JOSIAH HOPPER, M. D.

Office of the Institution, 369 Broome Street. Open from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.

