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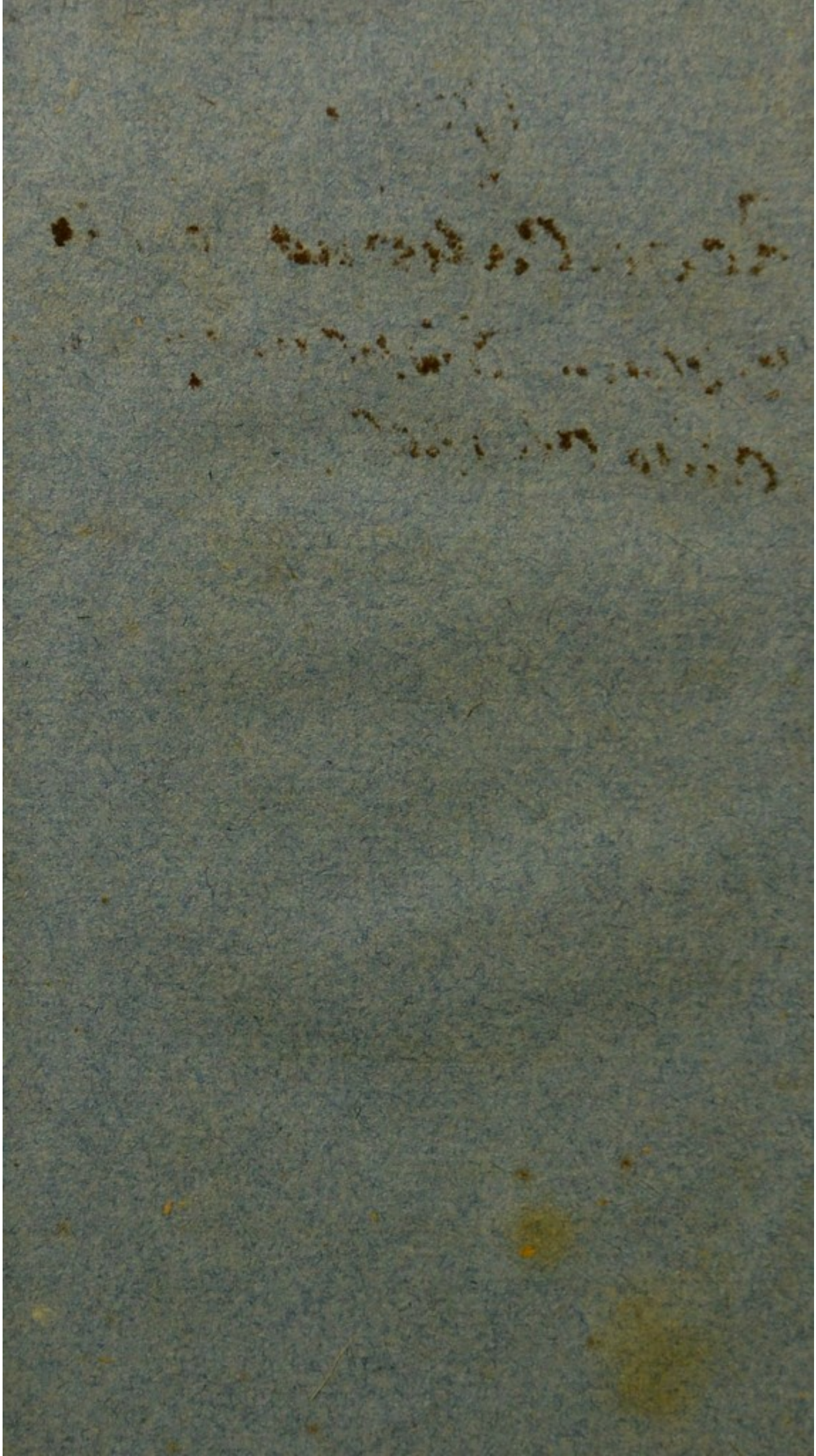


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## INTRODUCTION.

**V**ARIOUS are the ranks which compose the several communities of mankind, the welfare and happiness of which very much depend on a due regard, from such as are of ability, to those in less fortunate circumstances; hence it is acknowledged, that institutions, calculated to relieve the diseases of certain classes of people, who by their situations in life are unable without assistance to obtain proper medical care, deserve to be encouraged by the more affluent; therefore many plans for this laudable purpose have of late years been adopted in this metropolis; and experience, the surest guide, has stamped with high credit the utility of well-conducted Dispensaries to answer this end. Influenced by a desire of extending help in this way to a district where it is much wanted, a number of gen-



gentlemen have established the EASTERN DISPENSARY, which they trust will meet with proper attention, as in the limits described are great numbers of suitable objects, who will rejoice to partake of such Christian benevolence. Introductions that preface accounts of other charitable foundations of this kind render a particular illustration of their great and general benefit the less necessary, it being well known, in these enlightened and liberal times, that the care and compassion of one order of mankind over another is not only the best policy, with respect to society, but is also fulfilling a most essential religious duty.—These considerations, it is hoped, will not fail to produce contributions fully adequate to support this humane establishment.

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# REGULATIONS

## OF THE

# Eastern Dispensary.

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**I.** THIS Charity consists of a President, Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, and Governors, who shall appoint such officers and servants as may from time to time be deemed necessary.



## II.

Every person subscribing one guinea per annum shall be a governor, and entitled to have one patient on the medical or chirurgical list at a time, and one lying-in patient in the year; and every person subscribing two guineas per annum shall be entitled to have two patients on the medical or chirurgical list at a time, and two lying-in patients in the year; and, in case of a greater subscription, a proportionable number.

## III.

All persons subscribing ten guineas or making up their contribution within the year to that sum, shall be governors for life, and entitled to all the advantages of an annual subscriber of one guinea.

## IV.

Upon the payment of a legacy or donation of fifty pounds, or upwards, to this  
Charity,



Charity, the person appointed to pay the same shall be a governor for life.

V.

Any governor, by sending notice in writing to the Dispensary, may appoint another governor to sign his letters of recommendation.

VI.

A general meeting shall be holden on the first Thursday in January, April, July, and October; at which meetings seven governors shall constitute a board.

VII.

The president, vice - presidents, and treasurer, or either of them, or any three of the annual committee, have power to call a general meeting at any time, giving at least one week's notice, expressing the occasion of the meeting, by an advertisement in some of the daily papers.

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## VIII.

Twenty-one governors shall be chosen at the first general meeting every year, who shall form a committee, to meet at the Dispensary on the third Thursday in every month, for conducting the affairs of this Charity. This committee to be open to the president, vice-presidents, treasurer, and governors for life of this Charity, who shall be intitled to vote, except such persons as may be interested in the matter under debate. Three of them shall form a quorum, one of whom to be of the chosen committee.

## IX.

The last committee in October shall nominate proper persons as a committee for the year ensuing, in which not more than fourteen of the former committee shall remain, nor any one to be continued in longer than three years successively: this nomination to be subject to the approbation or alteration of the next general meeting.

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Five auditors shall be appointed annually, to examine the bills and accounts; and no interested person shall be upon the audit.

XI.

A medical committee shall also be appointed, consisting of such governors as practise physic, surgery, or pharmacy, (except those already excepted in the eighth rule,) who shall have power to inspect the drugs and medicines, audit bills for the same, and report as they shall see occasion to the monthly committee.

XII.

Nobility, members of parliament, ladies, and all governors of this Charity, residing out of the bounds for visiting patients at their own houses, as also all ladies within the limits, may, by letter, appoint other governors to vote for them at any election by ballot; at which no governor shall vote who



has not paid his subscription on or before the day preceding the election.

XIII.

No resolution proposed at a general meeting, unless recommended by the committee, shall be entered as a rule, until it is confirmed at a succeeding general meeting.

XIV.

That the committee do appoint twelve governors (two or more to attend each day) to be house-visitors, to examine and see that the regulations of the Charity are carried properly into execution, and report the state of the house to the monthly meeting. They shall also be empowered to appoint a person, to do the business of any of the officers, in case of sickness or death, until the meeting of the next committee.

XV.

No servant of the Charity is to presume, at any time, to take, of any tradesman,  
Patient



patient, servant, or others, any fee, reward, or gratuity, of any kind, directly or indirectly, for any service done, or to be done on account of the Dispensary, on pain of being immediately discharged.

XVI.

The servants of this Charity are always to be in waiting, at the time of the general meetings and committees, to answer such questions, and do such business as may be required by the chairman.

XVII.

That, if any patient shall be discharged for irregularity, the governor who recommended that patient be informed of it immediately by letter from the apothecary.

XVIII.

That, for the future, no election of officers, except the president, vice-presidents, or treasurer, be made until at least twenty days after the public declaration of



a vacancy; and, if more than one candidate appear, the election shall be by ballot.

XIX.

Every patient, who brings a letter of recommendation from a governor, shall receive advice and medicines at the Dispensary without regard to place of abode.

MONTHLY COMMITTEE.

They shall take into consideration all matters respecting the well-conducting this Charity; and, if it hereafter appear necessary to alter the present regulations, or substitute or add new ones, they shall report the same to the next general meeting.

They shall examine the several tradesmens accounts, and order payment for those which have passed a due inspection.

They shall appoint twelve governors as house-visitors, to superintend the due observance of all the foregoing laws for the good management of this Dispensary; who shall  
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report their proceedings from time to time to the monthly committee.

They shall do as directed in the eighth resolution of general rules and orders.

### HOUSE VISITORS.

To attend every day in the hours of business at the Dispensary, to inspect the conduct of the officers and servants; to see that the patients behave with propriety, and in conformity to the rules and orders; and that the apartments are always in order for the reception of the medical officers and committee.

### PHYSICIAN.

Attendance shall be given at the Dispensary by the physician twice a week, at nine o'clock in the morning, to write for the out-patients: he shall visit the home-patients at their respective places of abode when necessary. By out-patients are to be understood, such whose disorders do not confine them;



them; by home-patients, such as are absolutely unable to attend, but who reside within the following limits, viz, From London-Bridge to Ratcliff-Cross, (by the river) and thence through Brook-Street, up the New-Road, extending along Whitechapel and Houndsditch, to Bishopsgate Church, and so down Gracechurch-Street to the Bridge.

Should indisposition, or any other reasonable cause, prevent the physician from attending, he shall appoint some other physician in his stead.

His pupils may have liberty to attend the patients of this Charity with him.

#### SURGEON and ACCOUCHEUR.

He shall attend at the Dispensary every morning at nine o'clock, if he thinks it necessary, but not less than twice a week, to examine all those patients who shall come under his care; he shall visit such patients at their own houses, within the district of this Dispensary, whose cases render them unable to attend.

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His pupils may have liberty to attend him at this Charity; but they shall not prescribe, nor perform any operation, but by his immediate direction, and in his presence.

Should indisposition, or any other reasonable cause, prevent him from attending, he shall appoint in his stead a Surgeon of the Corporation of Surgeons of London to attend this Charity.

That the surgeon and accoucheur shall procure a person or persons qualified to attend common cases.

### APOTHECARY.

He shall reside in the house to receive letters of recommendation; to compound and dispense the medicines prescribed; and shall not undertake or attend any business whatsoever but that of this Charity. He shall be careful of every thing appertaining to the Dispensary, and see that nothing is wasted, spoiled, or embezzled; that the apartments and committee-room are always  
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in order, fit for the reception of the officers, and for the use of the committee.

He shall on no account absent himself from the house, without leaving a note where he is to be met with on any emergency; he shall not absent himself one whole day or night, without leave first obtained from the president, vice-presidents, treasurer, monthly committee, or one of the house-visitors; in which case he shall provide another apothecary to do the business for him, and that with the approbation of the person or persons who granted such leave of absence.

He shall examine the rights of the letters of recommendation, and keep regular books, with a register of the patients under cure, their time of admission, by whom recommended, and when discharged,

### SECRETARY.

He shall personally attend all meetings and committees, at the appointed hours, unless



unless prevented by any unforeseen accident, in which case he shall send a deputy.

The proceedings of this Charity he shall keep accurately and methodically, and do all the incidental business requisite, which the secretaries of other charities or hospitals are accustomed to do.

### COLLECTOR.

He shall produce two or more securities, for the approbation of the monthly committee, who shall be bound with him in a bond of 25*l.* for the faithful performance of his official duty.

He shall collect the subscriptions to this Charity regularly, as they become due, under the treasurer's directions, to whom, or to the bankers, he shall pay them in as often as required, he shall not retain to the amount of 50*l.* in his possession, more than seven days under pain of being discharged.

He shall summon committees, and deliver recommendatory letters when he receives any subscriptions.

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He shall attend the monthly committee at all their meetings, and account to them as he shall be required.

### PATIENTS.

Out-patients shall carry their letters of recommendation to the Dispensary, any day of the week, (Sunday excepted), from nine to ten o'clock, to be admitted and receive advice.

Out-patients shall attend the physician or surgeon, at the Dispensary, who first received them under his care, on the days of his attendance.

Home-patients shall send their letters of recommendation to the Dispensary any day of the week (Sunday excepted) by nine o'clock, to be presented to the physician.

Home-patients shall send their letters of recommendation to the Dispensary, on the days of attendance of the physician or surgeon under whose care they have been received.



If any patient shall neglect to attend the physician or surgeon, at the Dispensary, for ten days, such patient shall be discharged.

They shall keep their letters of recommendation under cover, in order to preserve them clean.

They shall furnish themselves with phials, &c. necessary to contain their medicines.

They shall behave themselves soberly and decently, and strictly conform to such rules as shall be given them, or be immediately dismissed,

When cured, they shall deliver up their letters of recommendation to the Dispensary, and return thanks to the governor who recommended them; on neglect of which, they shall not receive any farther favour from this Charity.

Patients, whose disorders require only a repetition of their medicines, must send for them between the hours of four and six in the afternoon.



If complaint be made by any patient for ill treatment, the governor, who recommended her or him, by applying to the house-visitors, will be fully satisfied of the affair, or the cause removed.

To such as are inclined to become benefactors by will, the following form of a will is recommended.

Item, I give and bequeath unto A. B. and C. D. the sum of                    to be raised and paid by and out of my personal estate and effects, which, by law, I may or can charge with the payment thereof, upon trust, and to the intent that they, or either of them, do pay the same to the Treasurer [for the time being] of a Charity, called or known by the name of THE EASTERN DISPENSARY FOR RELIEF OF THE POOR, instituted in the Year 1782; which said sum I desire may be applied towards carrying on the benevolent designs of the said Charity.



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*Additional Regulations.*

I.

**N**O person shall be eligible to the office of physician to this Charity who has the care of, or is physician to, any other Charity,

II.

No physician or surgeon to this dispensary shall, during the time he shall retain his office, be eligible for a member of the monthly committee or to act in that capacity.

III.

No person shall be continued a patient of this Charity longer than two months, unless



unless with the approbation of the physician  
or surgeon, under whose care such patient  
may be.

IV.

The physician and surgeon shall attend  
the monthly committee whenever required.

