6. Moved by Mr. SOUTHAM, of Manchester, and seconded by Mr. HATTON, of Manchester—

That this meeting is convinced that no modification of the Charter of the College of Surgeons will be accepted by the members which does not recognise the eligibility of surgeons in general practice to seats in the governing body.

H. H. BROUGHTON, M.D., Chairman.
JOHN HATTON, Hon. Sec.

THE SHROPSHIRE MEDICAL AND SURGICAL ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Associated Physicians and Surgeons of Shropshire and North Wales, held in Shrewsbury, this 19th day of March, 1850, Dr. HENRY JOHNSON, president, the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:—

- 1st. That a copy of the Memorial recently addressed to the Royal College of Surgeons, by this Association, be forwarded to the Lord Advocate, and that his lordship's attention and consideration be solicited to the same.
 - 2nd. That a Memorial be addressed to her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, requesting that in any new Charter to be granted to the Royal College of Surgeons, provision be made for a more liberal extension of the franchise, and the admission of surgeons in general practice to the governing body of the College of Surgeons; and that such a reorganization of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons be effected as will ensure a uniform and efficient education to all, and prevent the evil of a new incorporation.
 - 3rd. That a deputation, consisting of J. Y. Arrowsmith, Esq., F.R.C.S.E., Shrewsbury; W. J. Clement, Esq., F.R.C.S.E., Shrewsbury; Peploe Cartwright, Esq., M.R.C.S.E., Oswestry; William Penny Brookes, Esq., M.R.C.S.E., Wenlock,—be appointed to present the Memorial to Sir George Grey, Bart., and to accompany the deputations appointed from Manchester and other places.
 - 4th. That the members of Parliament for the borough of Shrewsbury, E. H. Baldock, Esq., M.P., and R. A. Slaney, Esq., M.P., be invited to form part of the deputation, and to assist with their advice and influence.
- That these resolutions be published in the medical journals.

P. CARTWRIGHT, *Hon. Sec.*

AN ADDRESS TO SIR GEORGE GREY FROM THE SURGEONS OF ESSEX.

To the Right Hon. Sir George Grey, Bart., M.P., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The Memorial of the undersigned Members of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, residing in the county of Essex,

Showeth,—That your memorialists are members of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, having been admitted thereto in compliance with its laws—i. e., by following its prescribed curriculum of study, by undergoing its examination, and by payment of its fees.

That up to the year 1843, but *one* class of members existed in that College, all of whom were admitted upon the same terms, and were entitled to the same privileges. That in that year, the Council of the College surreptitiously (in so far as the members were concerned) obtained the grant of a new charter, by which certain of the members were separated from the rest by the title of "fellows," without any additional examination or the exhibition of any superior fitness for, or talent in, the exercise of the profession, by which act your memorialists feel that every then-existing member who was excepted from that arrangement suffered a grievous wrong and injustice.

That proof of the unsatisfactory nature of this arrangement is furnished by the fact, that at this very time the Council of the College are applying for an amendment of this very charter, and in order to quiet those of their members who are thus injured, propose to "sell" them the "fellowship" for "ten guineas," but to reserve to those of their number who practise "surgery" alone all the offices in the College.

These proposals your memorialists look upon as "insult added to injury." They submit that *every* member of the

College is entitled to equal *rights, privileges, and titles*, since all were admitted upon equal footing as regards duration of study, strictness of examination, and payment of fees.

Your memorialists beg therefore respectfully to urge—

1. That no further legislation in respect of the College be permitted until the views of its 12,000 members be ascertained in respect thereof, and that the Council be not allowed any undue influence therein.
2. That the legislature withhold its sanction from the establishment of any new medical or surgical college, or corporation whatsoever.
3. That the Royal College of Surgeons is sufficient for all the purposes of the regulation of the profession in this part of the United Kingdom, and that it be remodelled to render it efficient.
4. That the members of the College have a voice in the election of its officers, as well as in its general management.
5. That the sale of medical titles and honours be strictly prohibited in all colleges and universities in the United Kingdom.
6. That there exist but one standard of surgical qualification, and that the said standard be made uniform throughout the kingdom.

THE ARMY AND NAVY SURGEONS — THEIR CLAIMS TO MILITARY REWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS.

MEMORIAL TO SIR GEORGE GREY, BART., FROM W. P. BROOKES, ESQ., OF MUCH-WENLOCK.

To the Right Hon. Sir George Grey, Bart., Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

The humble memorial of William Penny Brookes, of Much-Wenlock, in the County of Salop, Surgeon,

Showeth,—That your memorialist is much gratified to learn that it is the intention of her Majesty's Government to bestow honours on those medical officers of the army and navy who have most distinguished themselves. Your memorialist, however, is disappointed to find that the dignity it is proposed to confer is of a civil instead of a military order, and, as such, cannot be otherwise than unsatisfactory, if not valueless, to those who justly consider themselves entitled to the rewards usually bestowed on other military and naval officers.

Your memorialist begs most respectfully to remark, that the surgeons of the army and navy are, in a great measure, exposed to all the hardships, perils, and privations incident to combatant officers; that they are subject to the rigors of military or naval discipline and law, and bound to obey all the orders of their respective commanders, that during an engagement, the surgeon who would courageously and conscientiously perform his duty, must be near the scene of action, nay, often, as Mr. Guthrie has remarked, must be under fire, otherwise many a wounded soldier might die from loss of blood for want of prompt assistance. But the returns of the killed and wounded amply testify that the military surgeon is not exempt from the casualties of war; that, regardless of personal danger, and anxious, during battle, to be near his regiment, that he might render immediate succour to the wounded, he often falls himself whilst honourably endeavouring to save the lives of others.

Considering, therefore, not merely the professional services of military and naval surgeons, but the dangers and difficulties they have to encounter, and the faithful and fearless manner in which their respective duties are performed, your memorialist humbly and respectfully begs that you will be pleased to advise her Majesty to confer on those medical officers of the army and navy she may deem worthy of the honour, the Military, instead of the Civil Order of the Bath, as the most appropriate and acceptable reward for military and naval services, as most calculated to promote harmony and good feeling between the medical and other officers of the army and navy, and to strengthen the attachment of the regimental surgeon to a service which, for want of that powerful incentive to exertion, the cheering prospect of future honours, he too often quits at a time when his experience and matured judgment impart value and importance to his services.

Much-Wenlock, March, 1850.

W. P. BROOKES, M.R.C.S.E.