



Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

FIFTEENTH

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

THE Council have to report, that since their election on the 1st of June, 1857, they have held 22 meetings, at which the number of attendances of each member of Council was as follows:—

	Meetings.
The President, Hans Irvine	20
The Vice-President, James W. Cusack	18
Sir Philip Crampton	9
Alexander Read	9
Arthur Jacob	22
Thomas E. Beatty	21
William Hargrave	21
Andrew Ellis	15
Robert C. Williams	17
Robert Adams	10
James Barker	18
William Colles	22
John H. Power	19
James S. Hughes	13
Edward Hutton	14
Robert Pentland	13
Samuel G. Wilmot	13
Augustus E. Tabuteau	12
Auly P. Banon	19
Peter Shannon	18
Rawdon MacNamara	16

The Council have to report, that during the year ending the 5th of April, 1858, three candidates were admitted to the Fellowship, and seventy-eight gentlemen received Letters Testimonial. Seven Licentiates obtained the Diploma in Midwifery. One candidate for Fellowship, and nine candidates for Letters Testimonial were rejected. Nine Fellows and nine Licentiates died since the date of last report, among the former of whom were Mr. Robert Moore Peile, the last survivor of the gentlemen who were incorporated by the first charter granted to the College by his Majesty George III., on the 8th of March, 1784. The Council have also to lament the death of Professor Harrison, and of Mr. O'Brien Bellingham. They have directed a bust of the latter gentleman to be executed by Mr. Kirk, in consideration of his eminent services to the College, in which he acted, gratuitously, as librarian for several years with unfailing zeal and assiduity, and of his devotion to the advancement of medical science. The entire number now upon the lists of the College amounts to 409 Fellows, and 1078 Licentiates.

The Council beg leave to submit an abstract of the income and expenditure of the College for the year ending the 5th of April, 1858; and they place upon the table a detailed account of the particulars of receipts and disbursements during that period, in which it will be seen that £500 has been added to the funded property of the College, now amounting to £3,000, 3 per cent. stock.

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ABSTRACT of the Totals of Income and Expenditure under

Income.

To Balance of Account, ending 5th April, 1857,	£409 9 2
Fees on Matriculation of 27 Pupils,	£6 15 0
„ on Registration of 79 ditto,	414 15 0
„ from 76 Candidates for Letters Testimonial, 1596 0 0	
„ from 2 Candidates for Fellowship,	21 0 0
„ from 1 ditto for ditto,	21 0 0
„ from 1 ditto for ditto,	31 10 0
Dividend on £2500 3 per cent. Stock, half-year to April, 1857,	35 0 0
Dividend on £2500 3 per cent. Stock, half-year to October, 1857,	36 8 1
Interest on Brinkley's Mortgage, half-year ending May, 1857, less Income Tax,	186 13 4
Interest on ditto, half-year ending November, 1857, less Income Tax,	242 14 2
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CARMICHAEL FUND.

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To Cash in Bank on 6th April, 1857,	£365 12 4	By paid for £337 3s. 10d. Three per cent. Consols, on 23rd Oct., 1857,	£300 0 0
„ Interest to July, 1857, on £2,974 5s. Three per cent. Consols, and on £297 8s. 6d. ditto, ..	47 12 11	By cash in Bank on April 5, 1858,	165 16 4
„ Interest to January, 1858, on £2,974 5s., 3 per cent. Consols, and on £634 12s 4d do. ..	52 11 1		
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	£465 16 4		£465 16 4

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each head, from 6th April, 1857, to 5th April, 1858.

Expenditure.

Incidentals,	£384 8 7
This is composed of Fuel, Candles, and Soap, Gas Light, Printing, Stationery, Painting, Glazing, Repairs, Servants' Clothing, &c.	
Taxes	179 2 6
Library	148 13 9
Museum	72 11 6
School	155 9 11
Insurance of Premises against Fire	29 5 0
Surgical Society	21 7 2
Remuneration to Examiners	299 8 6
Repaid one Candidate for Letters Testimonial who withdrew	21 0 0
Repaid two Candidates for Letters Testimonial who were rejected	42 0 0
Repaid one Candidate for Fellowship who was rejected	21 0 0
Expenses of Deputations to London on business of the College	245 8 0
Expenses of Secretary of Council on do.	19 19 0
Purchase of £500, Three per Cent. Stock	442 14 0
Salary of Secretary to Council	100 0 0
" Curator of Museum	80 0 0
" Registrar	40 0 0
" Book-keeper	20 0 0
Retired allowance to Dr. Hart	50 0 0
Wages of House Servants	175 16 0
Superannuation allowance to C. Dixon	31 10 0
Total expenditure from 6th April, 1857, to 5th April, 1858	£2579 13 11
Balance on 5th April, 1858	421 10 10
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LIBRARY.

The Council have to report that 27 Journals and Transactions of Societies, and 114 other works, in all 168 volumes, have been added to the Library during the year; also that 142 volumes have been bound, and 860 volumes have been relettered and otherwise repaired. A Catalogue of the newly purchased books is laid on the table.

The following gentlemen have contributed to the Library during the past year, viz.:—Dr. Hood, Dr. Johns, Mr. Ashley, Mr. Reeves, Mr. Ashton, Mr. Murchison, Mr. Fell, Dr. M'Clintock.

The following donations have also been received, viz.:—"Examination Papers and Report of the Queen's University," "Report of the Sanatory Condition of the Army," "Natural History Society Review," "The Registrar-General Reports."

The number of readers in the pupil's room during the past year has been 657. The number of books borrowed by Fellows of the College during the past year has been 826.

MUSEUM.

The Council beg leave to submit the following Report from the Curator:—

"During the past year 89 new preparations have been added to the Museum, and 170 old ones reup and replaced. Donations have been received from Dr. Cusack, Dr. Adams, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Tufnell, Dr. Walsh, Dr. Kelly, Dr. Beatty, Dr. Fleming, Dr. Johns, Dr. Duke, Dr. Darby, Dr. Johnson, Dr. M'Clintock, Dr. Jacob, Dr. Sawyer, Dr. Benson, Dr. Williams, Dr. Minchin, Dr. Boxwell, Dr. Geoghegan, Dr. Bellingham, Dr. Hargrave, Dr. Waring, and the Count De Kavenagh.

"During the last twelve months 2,802 persons have visited the Museum."

The negotiations with the other Medical and Surgical Corporations respecting the medical bills before Parliament, the details of which are set forth in the last annual report, rendered it necessary for the Council to continue to pay close attention to the subject of medical legislation until the close of the Session of 1857, and their vigilance has again been called for during the present year. Medical bills have been introduced into the House of Commons by Lord Elcho and Mr. Cooper, both of which were unanimously condemned by the Medical and Surgical Corporations of the United Kingdom at a conference of deputies from which Mr. Williams attended as the representative of this College. The obnoxious bills are still before the House, but it is hoped that they may be successfully opposed, and the Council beg leave to report that they have petitioned against them, as being calculated to destroy this among the other medical and surgical chartered institutions.

The Council have also to report that a Medical Charities Bill was introduced to Parliament by the late Government, some provisions in which were calculated to be injurious to the county infirmaries, while in

Medical Reform Bill

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*Address to Lord
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other respects it was defective, in so far as the interests of the medical profession are concerned. The Council accordingly waited upon Lord Naas, in company with a deputation from the officers of the county infirmaries and other medical institutions for the relief of the poor, for the purpose of explaining their views respecting the amendments required. The bill has since been withdrawn, Lord Naas promising, on the part of the Government, to introduce a modified measure.

The Council have further to report, that upon the arrival of the Earl of Eglinton in Ireland, they waited upon him, and presented an address, which, with his Excellency's answer, they beg leave to subjoin:—

“ To his Excellency Archibald William Earl of Eglinton, Lord Lieutenant-General and General Governor of Ireland.

“ MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

“ We, the President, Council, and Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, beg to approach your Excellency to congratulate you upon your arrival in Ireland, and to assure you of the great satisfaction we feel in the opportunity afforded to us of again welcoming to our country a nobleman who has already shown so warm an interest in its welfare.

“ We take the liberty of most respectfully assuring your Excellency that we shall be prepared at all times to contribute, by every means in our power, towards advancing the welfare of the public service in our particular department, and that we shall be happy to receive from the Government such suggestions as it may think proper to make to enable us to carry this our determination into effect.

“ We avail ourselves of this opportunity to respectfully solicit the kind attention of your Excellency to the state of this College, as an educational institution, which we venture to hope is not unworthy of the charter it has obtained, or of the benevolent designs of the sovereigns who conferred upon it important powers and privileges for the public benefit, which it shall be our constant endeavour to promote to the best of our ability.”

His Excellency was pleased to return the following answer:—

“ GENTLEMEN,

“ I return you my best thanks for coming forward to welcome me on my return to Ireland, and for the manner in which you offer me your congratulations.

“ I am well aware that there is no class to which the community is more deeply indebted than the men of your profession, and the skill with which you alleviate the sufferings, and the zeal and liberality with which you devote yourselves to the service of your fellow creatures, is a subject too large and too sacred for me to more than allude to on an occasion such as this.

“ It will at all times give me pleasure to attend to the interests of your institution, and witness its efficiency, and I have no doubt that the high character it has borne will not be impaired under your auspices.”

The Council have further to report, that the time specified by the testamentary instructions of the founder having arrived for inviting competition for the Carmichael prizes, they issued advertisements fixing the 1st of February, 1859, as the last day for receiving essays.

The Council have further to report, that the President, having been duly summoned, attended a visitation of Queen's College, Cork, held in that city in March last.

By order of the Council,

H. MAUNSELL, SECRETARY.

15th of May, 1858.