



# Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

## TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

THE Council have to report that, since their election on the 1st of June, 1863, they held 20 Meetings, at which the number of attendances of each Member of Council was as follows:—

	<i>Meetings.</i>
The President, William Colles	19
* The Vice-President, Arthur Jacob	19
William Hargrave	16
Robert Adams	10
James Barker	17
Hans Irvine	15
Edward Hutton	13
Robert Pentland	4
Samuel G. Wilmot	9
Richard G. H. Butcher	14
† Thomas L. Mackesy	2
Awly P. Banon	16
Peter Shannon	17
Rawdon Macnamara	14
Hamilton Labatt	19
Benjamin M'Dowel	16
Edward Ledwich	20
William Jameson	16
Alexander Carte	19
William Healy	19
James H. Wharton	20

The Council have to report that during the year ending the 5th of April, 1864, 15 candidates were admitted to the Fellowship of the College, and 116 gentlemen received Letters Testimonial. Twenty-nine Licentiates obtained the Diploma in Midwifery. Thirty candidates for Letters Testimonial were rejected.

The Council regret to have to announce the deaths of the following Fellows and Licentiates since the date of the last Report, viz. :—

Drs. Isaac Bracken, Robert A. Bagnall, Thos. H. Baker, Frith Baptist, John Jacob, Robert Johns, George O'Brien, John H. Power, Josiah Smyly, Leonard Trant, John Elliott, Thomas J. Fox, John Fulham, Daniel Hilliard, Wm. K. Huston, James Hutchinson, Richard P. Heffernan, John A. Johnston, Charles J. Kinahan, Charles B. Lambe, Theobald F. Langstaff, John J. Macdonald, John Macartney, Robert Mayne, John O'Brien, Francis Pentland, Laurence Rennehan, Robt. De Burg Riordan, Richard Sargent, William H. Tomlinson.

The entire number now on the lists of the College amounts to 386 Fellows and 1,549 Licentiates.

The Council beg leave to submit an Abstract of the Income and Expenditure of the College for the past year, ending 5th April, 1864, and they place on the table a detailed account.

\* Dr. Jacob was elected Vice-President in room of the late lamented Josiah Smyly, Esq., on the 4th February, 1864.

† Dr. T. L. Mackesy was elected 3rd March, 1864, in room of Dr. Jacob, promoted to the Vice-Presidency.

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*Abstract of the Totals of Income and Expenditure under*

**Receipts.**

Balance of Account, ended 5th April, 1863	..	..	..	£910 0 11
Fees on Matriculation of 100 Pupils, @ 10s. each	..	...	£50 0 0	
Do. Registration of 124 Students	..	...	651 0 0	
Do. 136 Candidates for Letters Testimonial	..	...	2856 0 0	
Do. 17 ,, Fellowship	..	...	314 10 0	
Do. 27 ,, Midwifery	..	...	56 14 0	
Dividend on £2041 3s. 4d. New Three per Cent. Stock to 5th April, 1863, less Income Tax	..	...	29 9 4	
Dividend on £2041 3s. 4d. New Three per Cent. Stock to 10th October, 1863, less Income Tax	..	...	29 14 6	
Half-year's Interest on £10,000, Bookey's Mortgage, to August, 1863, less Income Tax	..	...	205 14 1	
Half-year's Interest on £10,000, Bookey's Mortgage, to February, 1864, less Income Tax	..	...	206 6 0	
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				£4399 7 11

**CARMICHAEL FUND.**

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To Cash in Bank on 5th April, 1863	£496 3 2
To Dividend for half-year, to July, 1863, on £3,608 17s. 4d., 3 per Cent. Consols, less Income Tax	52 11 1
To Dividend for half-year, to January, 1864, on £3,608 17s. 4d., 3 per Cent. Con- sols, less Income Tax	52 11 1
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By Balance to the Credit of this Account, on 5th April, 1864	£601 5 4
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£5,309 8 10

each head, from 6th April, 1863, to 5th April, 1864.

## Expenditure.

Establishment	...	...	...	...	...	£744	15	2
	This is composed of—Fuel, £37 8s. 11d.; Lighting, £42 16s. 3d.; Chandlery, £7 0s. 9d.; Printing, Stationery, Stamps, &c., £150 18s. 4d.; Painting, Glazing, &c., £195 7s. 11d.; Brackets for Marble Busts, and Doors in Grand Hall, £99 15s.; Builders' and Carpenters' Work, £64 5s. 3d.; Servants' Clothing, £36 14s. 2d.; Furniture, &c., £33 8s. 6d.; House Sundries and Incidentals, £72 0s. 1d.							
Taxes—Consolidated Taxes, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	296	8	10
Library	...	...	...	...	...	284	18	2
	This is composed of—Books, £216 16s. 2d.; Matting, £2 3s.; Library Clerk, £65; Incidentals, 19s.							
Museum	...	...	...	...	...	340	3	0
	This is composed of—Curator's Gratuities, £70; ditto Salary, £80; ditto for Incidentals, £15 19s. 9d.; Porter's Wages, £63 1s.; Carpenter and Timber, £10 15s. 9d.; Paint, Oil, &c., £16 12s. 2d.; Large Range, £8 10s.; Ironmongery, &c., £17 19s. 8d.; Drugs, Spirits, &c., £13 15s.; Drawings, £12; Jars, £21 17s. 5d.; Fuel, £8 0s. 3d.; Incidentals, £1 12s.							
School	...	...	...	...	...	366	7	3
	This is composed of—Laboratory Expenses, £40; Porters' Wages, £92 10s. 6d.; School Advertisements, £31 10s.; Fuel, £15 9s. 2d.; Ironmongery and Plumber's Work, £19 17s.; Painting and Glazing, £73 18s. 6d.; Stoves, £28 3s.; Building Out-offices, £38 10s.; Carpenter and Timber, £15 1s.; Oil Cloth, £7 10s.; Incidentals, £3 13s. 1d.							
Fire Insurance—Renewal Premiums on Policies	...	...	...	...	...	69	16	10
Law Expenses—John Litton's Costs	...	...	...	...	...	52	10	0
Surgical Society	...	...	...	...	...	65	6	11
	This is composed of—Printing and Advertising Meetings, £13 5s. 6d.; Reporting, &c., £15 15s.; Hire of Lamps, £7 2s.; for Conversazione, £28 2s. 5d.; Incidentals, £1 2s.							
Remuneration to Examiners for attendance at Examinations	...	...	...	...	...	675	1	6
Do. to Members of Council	do.	do.	...	...	...	223	18	7
Do. to Classical Examiners	do.	do.	...	...	...	56	0	0
Do. to Midwifery Examiners	do.	do.	...	...	...	22	16	9
Repaid Candidates for Letters Testimonial (18)	...	...	...	...	...	378	0	0
Albert Hall	...	...	...	...	...	202	17	9
	This is composed of—Pedestal for Bust of Prince Albert, £15; Furniture, £115 2s. 4d.; Penmanship, £11 17s.; Band at Inauguration, £4 4s.; Canopy, £30; Dutch Matting, £16 2s. 2d.; Bronzing Gaslight Brackets, £10; Incidentals, 12s. 3d.							
Deputation to London to present Address of the College to the Prince and Princess of Wales	...	...	...	...	...	55	11	0
Robes for Members of Council and Professors	...	...	...	...	...	46	19	0
Purchased—£458 16s. 3d., Government New 3 per Cent. Stock, 19th November, 1863	...	...	...	...	...	415	17	9
Salary of Secretary of Council	...	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
Do. of Registrar	...	...	...	...	...	80	0	0
Do. of Accountant	...	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Retired Allowance to Doctor Hart	...	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Do. do. to Mr. Boylan	...	...	...	...	...	30	0	0
Wages of House Servants	...	...	...	...	...	117	6	0
Total Expenditure from 6th April, 1863, to 5th April, 1864						4624	14	6
Balance on 5th April, 1864 (exclusive of £415 17s. 9d. invested in Government Stock)						684	14	4
						£5,309	8	10

## MUSEUM.

*Report of the Curator of the Museums, for the year ending 5th April, 1864.*

Gentlemen—In pursuance of the ordinance of the Council of the College, I beg leave to submit my eighth annual report. During the past year the Museums have been open 70 days to the public, and 1309 visitors have been admitted. The Museums also have been at all times available to classes in anatomy, and to persons introduced by Fellows of the College, and the Professors have been supplied with such preparations as they have required to illustrate their lectures in the College. Contributions have been received from the following:—The Royal Dublin Society, Drs. Adams, Benson, Banon, Beatty, Croly, M. Collis, W. Carte, Churchill, Darby, Frazer, Fawcett, Mr. Ferguson, Drs. Fleming, Geoghegan, Gordon, J. S. Hughes, Hutton, Jacob, Labatt, Mapother, Minchin, Mitchell, Stapleton, Sawyer, Tufnell, Tyrrell, Wright; but many of the pathological specimens sent to the Museum are not available, in consequence of the description of the cases not having been furnished to the Curator.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN BARKER, M.D., T.C.D., F.R.C.S.I.

## LIBRARY.

*Report of the Library Clerk to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, for the year ending 5th April, 1864.*

Gentlemen—I beg leave to report that 63 Journals and Transactions of Societies, and 192 other works, in all 255 volumes, have been added to the Library. During the past year 167 volumes have been bound, and a catalogue of the newly purchased books is laid upon the table.

The following gentlemen have contributed to the Library during the past year:—Drs. Mapother, Leared, Garner, Ireland, J. Hamilton, and Mr. Essie.

The following donations have been also received:—"Transactions of the Medical and Physical Society of Bombay;" "Deaths in Bombay;"

“Australian Medical Journal;” “Army Medical Department Statistical, Sanitary, and Medical Report, 1861, 1863;” “Annual Report of the Commissioners Irish Poor Laws, 1863;” “The Census of Ireland, 3 vols., 1861-63;” “Journal of the Geological Society, Dublin;” “Proceedings of the Pathological Society of Dublin;” “Proceedings of the Zoological Society, London;” “Statistical Tables Dublin Metropolitan Police;” “Transactions of the Cork Medical and Surgical Society;” “London University Calendar, 1864;” “Report Richmond District Lunatic Asylum;” “Zoological Researches.”

The number of readers in pupils' room during the past year has been 260; the number of books borrowed, 460.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

JOHN MACLEAN, Library Clerk.

*Chair of Surgery.*

At a meeting of the College, held on 25th June, 1863, Dr. James Stannus Hughes was elected to the Professorship of Surgery in the College, in room of the late Professor John Hatch Power.

*Secretaryship of Council.*

At a meeting of Council, held on August 6th, it was resolved—

“That so much of the 7th bye-law of the first section, page 63, of printed bye-laws, as provides that a Secretary to the Council shall be elected ‘from time to time, as a vacancy may occur,’ be rescinded and annulled.”

Also, that the following ordinance be made, enacted, and published:—

“A Secretary to the Council, who shall be a Fellow of the College, shall be elected by the President and Council at the first meeting of the Council held subsequent to the annual election of Council on the first Monday in June, or as soon thereafter as may be; and should such Secretary of Council so elected be a member of the Council, he shall cease to hold the office of Councillor; and if at any time he be elected a Councillor, he shall not be capable of being elected or of acting as Secretary.”

Dr. Hughes, on being elected Professor of Surgery, tendered his resignation as Secretary of Council, on the 27th of August, 1863.

At a meeting of Council, held on the 8th of October, 1863, the following resolution was passed unanimously, viz. :—

“ That Mr. Hughes be requested to withdraw his resignation as Secretary of Council, and to retain that office, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Hughes, and that he be informed that it does not appear on the face of the minutes that his resignation was accepted.”

Dr. Hughes, in conformity with the wishes of the President and Council, as expressed in the foregoing resolution, withdrew his letter of resignation in the following communication :—

24, Westland Row,  
Dublin, 12th October, 1863.

GENTLEMEN—In compliance with your request, as conveyed to me through the medium of a resolution unanimously passed at your last meeting, I hereby withdraw my letter of the 27th of last August, resigning the secretaryship of the Council of the College, and I take this opportunity of sincerely thanking you all for the very great compliment you have paid me.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAS. STANNUS HUGHES.

To the President and Council of the Royal  
College of Surgeons in Ireland.

*Retiring Allowance for Medical Officers of Dispensaries and Workhouses  
when disabled by age or ill health to discharge their duties.*

At a meeting of Council, held on February 28th, a deputation from the Medical Association of Ireland having waited on the Council, by appointment, it was resolved—

“ That this Council will cheerfully co-operate with the Medical Association of Ireland in their endeavours to obtain a retiring allowance for medical officers of dispensaries and workhouses, when disabled by age or ill health to discharge their duties.”

At a meeting of Council, held on 17th March, it was resolved—

“ That the following petition be adopted by the Council, and forwarded to Sir E. Grogan, Bart., M.P., for presentation to the House of Commons ” :—

‘ To the Right Honourable and Honourable the Knights, Burgesses, and Citizens in Parliament assembled.

‘ The Petition of the President and Council of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland sheweth—

‘ That medical officers, holding appointments under the Poor Law and Medical Charities Acts, have a peculiar claim to superannuation allowances and gratuities, from their exposure to contagion in the discharge of their duties, and to the influence of causes likely to produce bodily infirmity. While other Poor Law officers are enabled to fulfil their duty by attendance of some hours daily, the medical officers are obliged, at all hours day and night, and in all weather, to hold themselves in readiness for duty, not excepting the Sabbath.

‘ That the salaries attached to those appointments are so small and inadequate, that when medical officers are located near large cities where the remunerative practice is absorbed by senior men, or when located in remote districts where remunerative practice cannot be obtained, the medical officers are unable to supplement their small salaries to any extent by their private practice, and are totally precluded from making any provision for old age and infirmity.

‘ Your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray your honourable House, that provision should be made to enable superannuation allowances and gratuities to be granted to medical officers holding appointments under the Poor Law and Medical Charities Acts, who become disabled by age, infirmity, or severe bodily injuries from the discharge of the duties of their offices ; and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.\*

\* The Secretary of Council, at a subsequent meeting, read a letter from Sir E. Grogan, stating that he had presented the above petition to the House of Commons ; and it is here a pleasing duty of the Council to inform the Fellows of the College at large, that at all times and on all occasions Sir E. Grogan has shown the greatest alacrity to serve this College in Parliament.

*The late lamented Dr. John Jacob.*

At a meeting of Council, held on March 3rd, it was unanimously resolved—

“That this Council record, with profound regret, the death of Dr. John Jacob of Maryborough, Fellow of this College, and Surgeon of the Queen’s County Infirmary, who for many years held one of the highest places amongst the provincial surgeons of Ireland, and whose great intellectual endowments, professional attainments, and moral excellency, served in no small degree to maintain the honor and dignity of the College, and to advance its reputation.”

“That the President and Secretary be requested to forward a copy of this resolution, in a letter of sympathy and condolence, to the widow of the late Dr. John Jacob, and also to the Vice-President, Professor Jacob.”

*Registration of Births and Deaths.*

At a meeting of Council, held on the 3rd March, the following resolution was adopted, viz. :—

“That we, the President, Vice-President, and Council of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, deeply impressed with the importance and value of the lately enacted measure for the registration of births and deaths in this part of the United Kingdom, and anxious to have its provisions fully and accurately carried out, do resolve to promote, as far as possible, the objects of the Legislature, and earnestly recommend the Fellows and Licentiates of the College to assist the authorities in procuring the statistical information required under the Act.”

*The late lamented Vice-President, Dr. Smyly.*

At a meeting of Council, held on 21st January, it was unanimously resolved—

“That the Council having heard with deep regret the lamented death of the Vice-President of the College, Mr. Smyly, resolved, that we do now adjourn without transacting business.”

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*Bust of the late Charles H. Todd, Professor of Surgery in the College of Surgeons.*

At a meeting of Council, held on April 7th, it was unanimously resolved—

“That in order to testify the respect of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland for the memory of the late Surgeon Charles H. Todd, a distinguished Professor and Fellow of the College, this Council order his bust, in marble, for the College hall, to be copied from the bust in the possession of his son, the Rev. Dr. Todd, D.D., Senior Fellow of T.C.D., who has offered to place it at the disposal of the Council for that purpose.”

*Educational Regulations.*

At a meeting of Council, held on April 10th, 1863, the following Memorial, signed by 54 students, having been read, viz.:—

“To the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

“We, the Senior Students of the Ledwich School of Surgery, being entered under the present rule of *viva voce*, respectfully solicit exemption from the proposed written examination.

“Ledwich School, Peter-street,

“April 10th, 1863.”

At a meeting of Council, held on April 28th, it was resolved—

“That it shall be optional with all Students who have entered the profession previous to the 26th of November, 1861, to avail themselves, or otherwise, of the proposed written examination.”

At the same meeting it was further resolved—

“That a course of lectures on botany be required from the candidates for Letters Testimonial, on and after the 1st of August, 1864.”

*Foreign Medical Schools.*

At a meeting of Council, held on 3rd March, it was resolved—

“That the certificates of Foreign Medical Schools, if properly verified, may be received as qualification for examination for the license of the College of Surgeons in Ireland.”

*Candidates for Letters Testimonial.*

At a meeting of Council, held on 22nd October, it was resolved—

“That all candidates for the Letters Testimonial of the College, who shall withdraw their names off the list of the Registrar after notices have been issued for their examination (unless on account of illness, under medical certificate), do forfeit the sum of three guineas.”

At a meeting of Council, held on January 7th, the following committee was appointed to consider the best method of conducting the examinations for Letters Testimonial in future, viz. :—

The President,  
Vice-President,  
Dr. Jacob,  
„ Barker,  
„ Ledwich.

At a meeting of Council, held on 28th January, Dr. Jacob brought up the following report from the “Education Committee,” which was adopted, viz. :—

“Candidates for Letters Testimonial, requiring to be examined in any particular month, shall deliver their certificates and qualifications, for inspection and scrutiny, to the Registrar, one week before the first day of that month; and they shall be liable to be called on for examination on any day during the same month, provided a week’s notice be given of the day and hour appointed for attendance.

“The Court of Examiners shall meet on every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday of each month in the year, except September, and shall sit each day for two hours, to examine candidates for Letters Testimonial, until all who have been entered on the list shall be examined.”

*Candidates for Arts Examination.*

At a meeting of Council, held on January 28th, it was resolved—

“That candidates who have been rejected on the first arts examination

be admitted to a second examination without any additional fee, but shall pay the fee on all subsequent examinations."

*Court of Examiners.*

At a meeting of Council, held on the 7th May, it was resolved—

"That as no provision has been made in the charters, bye-laws, or ordinances of the College for the election or appointment of a chairman of the Court of Examiners, no member of that court can assume such title or office, or give a casting vote, as prescribed for persons presiding at meetings of the College or the Council."

At a meeting of Council, held on Thursday, June 25th, it was resolved—

"That whenever the votes of the Examiners for or against the admission of any candidate for Letters Testimonial, after examinations, shall be three for and three against, the candidate shall be recommended for admission as Licentiate, and not rejected, as at present is the practice."

*Representative of the College on the General Council of Medical Education and Registration.*

At a meeting of Council, held on April 7th, Professor Hargrave was re-elected for the ensuing year as representative of this College on the General Medical Council.

At a meeting of Council, held on June 11th, Professor Hargrave reported the result of his recent visit to London as representative of the College on the General Council of Medical Education and Registration.

*Professorship of Hygiene.*

At a meeting of Council, held on April 21st, it was resolved—

"That no Demonstrator of Anatomy shall be eligible as a candidate for the Professorship of Hygiene, now vacant."

At the same meeting it was further resolved—

“That pursuant to 10th bye-law of the 1st section, viz. :—A professor shall be elected to deliver lectures on the provisions required for the preservation of the health of the public, and the precautions to be adopted for preventing the extension of disease.”

At a meeting of Council, held on May 12th, it was resolved—

“That the Council having learned that the Queen's University is seeking for a new charter to enable it to grant degrees, licenses, and diplomas in surgery, the Finance Committee be directed to obtain, without delay, a copy of such proposed charter, and to take such steps as may be necessary to prevent this or any other encroachment on the rights and privileges of this College from taking place, or any measure adopted, to enable an institution merely medical to qualify its graduates to practise surgery.”



## OPENING OF THE ALBERT HALL.

At a meeting of Council, held on May 1st, it was resolved—

“That a meeting of the Fellows at large be held on 21st May, to celebrate the opening of the new examination hall, and to commemorate the visit of his Royal Highness the Prince Consort to the College, on the 9th of August, 1849, by inaugurating his bust, executed, by permission of her Majesty, to perpetuate his memory; and that the Lord Lieutenant be requested to open the hall, and name it “The Albert Hall.”

## INAUGURATION OF THE ALBERT HALL.

### CEREMONIAL OF INAUGURATION.

A meeting of the Fellows at large was held on Thursday, the 21st May, at half-past four o'clock, in accordance with the resolution of Council, and his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, accompanied by his staff, and Sir Bernard Burke, Ulster King at Arms, having arrived at the College, was received at the entrance by the President, Vice-President, Secretaries, and Council, and a procession having been formed in the following order:—

Members of the Council, two and two,  
 Secretary of the College,  
 Secretary of the Council,  
 President,  
 Vice-President,

Aide de Camp,                      His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant,                      Aide de Camp.

In this order the procession proceeded, conducted by the Council, two and two, to the dais prepared for his Excellency.

While the procession moved up the hall the National Anthem was performed.

His Excellency having taken his seat, the President read the following address :—

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—It is my high privilege and pleasing duty, as President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, on behalf of its Council, Fellows, and Licentiates, to convey to your Excellency our sense of the honour you have conferred upon us in assenting to our request of inaugurating the bust of his late Royal Highness the deeply lamented Prince Consort. Soon after the irreparable loss sustained by the country in the death of a Prince so loved, valued, and respected, whose high talents, sound judgment, and statesmanlike views were uniformly devoted to the extension of science and the development of the resources of the country, the President and Council determined that the honored name of Albert should be handed down to future ages in the annals of our College, and by your Excellency's kindness her Majesty's sanction was secured for obtaining the bust of his Royal Highness from the Queen's sculptor. As a fitting and suitable place to deposit that bust, our Examination Hall has been fitted up, redecorated, and furnished for that special object; and it is proposed by the authorities of the College, with your Excellency's sanction, that our Examination Hall shall henceforward be named and known as the Albert Hall. In this act of homage to the memory of Prince Albert, the President and Council would record, in common with the entire British people, their deep and poignant regret at this national calamity; and they would also express their deep sympathy and condolence with their beloved Queen in her sad bereavement,—a sovereign whose great and conspicuous private virtues have secured the affection, respect, and admiration of her people, and whose care is the maintenance and development of the free institutions of those countries, will hand her name down to posterity as the most constitutional sovereign that ever governed those realms. It is a source of sincere gratification to us on the present occasion to be honored by the presence of a Viceroy so justly valued and respected throughout the length and breadth of the land; whose high literary tastes and attainments mark the accomplished nobleman, and add lustre to your Excellency's exalted station; and I feel an honest pride in assuring your Excellency that the members of the medical profession, as a body and individually, have uniformly been amongst the foremost in devoted loyalty, and yield to none in warm attachment to her Majesty's person and the Crown. It may not be out of place here to give a brief sketch of the foundation and progress of this College, which I may be allowed to say has held from its formation, and now holds, a high position among the learned institutions of the country. It is now nearly a hundred years ago—in the year 1765—that those valuable institutions, the county infirmaries of Ireland, were first established. At that time there was no school of surgery in this country, nor any examining body of whom licenses to practise surgery could be conferred, and the law at that time required candidates for the office of surgeon to county infirmaries to be examined as to their competency for the appointment by the surgeon-general, and a board composed of hospital surgeons. This state of things continued up to 1784, when this College obtained its first charter, which in its preamble sets forth “that the public sustained great injury from the defects in surgical education;” and soon after its foundation the College proceeded to provide for that defective state of things by establishing its school of surgery, which has

gone on from year to year increasing in character, usefulness, and efficiency to the present time; and I may mention incidentally, that of the vast benefit, both professional and social, conferred on this country at large by our standard of medical and surgical education, the City of Dublin is largely benefited by the great number of students annually attracted here for the pursuit of their medical and surgical studies in this College school, under the teaching of professors of high character and repute. To the high standard of general and professional education uniformly maintained by this College, from its first foundation to the present time, may be attributed the position the members of the medical profession hold in this country, for the Fellows and Licentiates of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, in commencing their professional duties, are enabled to take positions in the public service, in large cities, in the provinces, and in the Colonies, with the master-minds of the district in which they are located, and to improve the moral culture and elevate the tone of the society in which they move. In large cities the competition of talent will always secure such men, but it is in the remote country districts that educated men are so much required, who can exert an influence, when properly directed, which may be beneficially felt through an entire population. In the education of such surgeons in general knowledge as well as in the practical details of their profession, this College, during a long series of years, has fulfilled its duties to the public with fidelity and efficiency, and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, in this and other respects, holds a position second to none in the United Kingdom. In conclusion, I beg again to express our thanks for the honour of your Excellency's presence, and to request you will inaugurate the bust of his late Royal Highness the Prince Consort, and name this hall the "Albert Hall."

The bust of his Royal Highness having been then uncovered, his Excellency spoke as follows :—

MR. PRESIDENT—In proceeding to fulfil the high and pleasing duty which, in the name of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, you have been good enough to confide to me, while I acknowledge, in passing, the courteous terms of your address directed to myself personally, I can with perfect truth assure you that I consider it a very great privilege to be associated in any work or function with a body so eminent, so useful, so honored as your own. The services your College have rendered to suffering humanity are already counted by scores of years, and will soon be by centuries. You have adverted with just pride to the ever-widening circle that the extent of our dominions continually throws open to the healing and humanizing influences which radiate from this centre, and which, far from being confined to merely physical benefits, salutary and even sublime as these are, tell largely upon the intellectual vigour and moral health of nations. It is in entire harmony with the essential character and purpose of such a society and such a mission that you have resolved to perpetuate within these walls the lineaments, and to give this hall the name of, our late beloved and lamented Prince Consort; for with that name and memory are inseparably blended all things most bright, pure, just, and true; a pity most sensitively awake to the wants and sufferings of his kind; a courage so firmly poised that there was no error he was not ready to meet with steadfast gaze; no truth for which he would not have braved the world; a purity in which his features were moulded, and his life was steeped. Let this be named the "Albert Hall."

The President having forwarded a copy of the foregoing report of the inauguration of the Albert Hall to Gen. Sir Charles Grey, to be laid before her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, received the following letter in reply :—

Windsor Castle,

June 6, 1863.

SIR—I have had the honour of receiving, and of submitting to the Queen, your letter of the 30th May, with the enclosed reports of the proceedings at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, on the occasion of the inauguration of the Albert Hall by his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

Her Majesty has been deeply touched and gratified by the perusal of the report, and commands me to request that you will have the goodness to convey to the President and Council of the College, and to accept for yourself, the expression of her Majesty's best thanks for their kind attention in sending it to her.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your very humble obedient servant,

C. GREY.

At a meeting, held on June 11th, it was resolved—

“That the proceedings at the inauguration of the Albert Hall be handsomely engrossed in the form of a book, and handsomely bound, for presentation to her Majesty.”

By Order,

JAMES STANNUS HUGHES,

*Secretary to the Council.*

May 12th, 1864.