



Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council have to report that since their election on the 4th of June, 1855, they have held 17 meetings, at which the number of attendances of each member of Council was as follows :—

	<i>Meetings.</i>
The President, Sir Philip Crampton, ..	9
The Vice-President, Robert C. Williams, ..	16
Alexander Read, ..	13
Arthur Jacob, ..	17
Thomas E. Beatty, ..	14
William Hargrave, ..	13
Andrew Ellis, ..	13
Leonard Trant, ..	14
Robert Adams, ..	10
James Barker, ..	9
William Colles, ..	15
John H. Power, ..	14
Hans Irvine, ..	13
James S. Hughes. ..	7
Edward Hutton, ...	13
Robert Pentland, ...	7
Samuel G. Wilmot, ..	5
Richard G. H. Butcher, ..	8
Augustus E. Tabuteau, ..	13
Robert Mayne, ..	5
Thomas L. Mackesy, ..	2

The Council have to report that during the year ending the 5th of April, 1856, three Candidates were admitted to the Fellowship, and 63 gentlemen received Letters Testimonial. Five Licentiates obtained the Diploma in Midwifery. Two Candidates for Letters Testimonial were rejected. Three Fellows and three Licentiates died since the date of the last Report; and the entire number now upon the lists of the College, amounts to 417 Fellows and 947 Licentiates.

George Gulliver, Esq., F.R.S., has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the College.

The Council beg leave to submit an Abstract of the Income and Expenditure of the College for the year ending 5th April, 1856; and they place upon the table a detailed account of the particulars of Receipts and Disbursements during that period.

ABSTRACT of the Totals of Income and Expenditure under

Income.

To Balance of Account, ending 5th April, 1855,	..	..	£393 16 10
Fees on Registration of 76 Pupils,	..	..	£399 0 0
Ditto on Matriculation of 42 ditto	..	..	10 10 0
Ditto from 71 Candidates for Letters Testimonial,	1491	0 0	0
Ditto from 3 Candidates for Fellowships	..	..	57 15 0
Dividend on £2000 3 per cent Stock, half-year to			
April, 1855,	..	..	28 5 0
Dividend on £2500 3 per cent Stock, half-year to			
October, 1855,	..	..	35 0 0
Interest on Brinkley's Mortgage, half-year, ending			
May, 1855, less £11 13s. 4d. Income Tax,	188	6 8	
Interest on ditto, half-year, ending November,			
1855, less £11 13s. 4d. Income Tax, ...	188	6 8	
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CARMICHAEL FUND.

DR.			CR.
1855	To Balance on 5th April, 1855,	£233 8 0	1855, May 10th
	Interest to July, 1855,		By Paid for Stamp for power
	on £2974 5s. 0d., 3 per	45 16 1	of Attorney, ...
	cent Consols, and on		Three Judges for re-
	£297 8s. 6d. ditto,		porting on Essays, 50 0 0
	Interest to January, 1856,	45 16 1	Balance in Bank, 5th
	on above, ...		April, 1856, ...
		<u>£325 0 2</u>	274 0 2
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£2792 0 2

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each head, from the 6th April, 1855, to 5th April, 1856.

Expenditure,

Incidentals,	£203 11 6
This is composed of Fuel, Candles and Soap, Gas Light, Printing and Stationery, Painting, Glazing, Repairs, Servants' Clothing, &c.	
Taxes,	53 17 11
Library,	184 0 0
Museum,	41 2 5
School,	212 15 3
Insurance of Premises against Fire,	29 5 0
Surgical Society,	19 12 6
Remuneration to Examiners,	248 18 11
Repaid two Candidates for Letters Testimonial who had been rejected,	42 0 0
Expenses of deputations to London on business of the College,	32 7 0
Secretary of Council, for ditto	28 0 0
Purchase of £500 3 per cent. Stock	465 3 4
Building School for Military Surgery,	204 9 0
Salary of Secretary of Council	100 0 0
Ditto of Curator of Museum,	60 0 0
Ditto of Registrar,	55 0 0
Ditto of Library Clerk,	54 12 0
Retired allowance to Dr. Hart,	50 0 0
Wages of House Servants,	139 7 0
Superannuation allowance to C. Dixon,	31 10 0
Total Expenditure from 6th April, 1855, to 5th April, 1856,	£2255 11 10
Balance on 5th April, 1856,	536 8 4

It will be observed, that since the date of the last Report the Council have invested £465 3s. 4d. in the purchase of £500 3 per cent. Stock, and that the Funded Property of the College now amounts to £2500.

LIBRARY :

The Council have to report that 25 Journals and Transactions of Societies and 63 other works, in all 132 volumes have been added to the Library during the year; also, that 97 volumes have been bound. A Catalogue of the newly purchased Books is laid upon the table.

The following gentlemen have contributed to the Library during the past year, viz. :—Dr. Wright, Dr. Williams, Mr. Butcher, and Mr. Birkett.

The following donations have also been received, viz. :—

The London Pathological Society's Transactions, vol. 6, from the Council of the Society;

Bombay Medical and Physical Society's Transactions, No. 2, Second Series;

London University Calendar for 1856;

Report of the Condition and Progress of the Queen's University in Ireland;

Report of the Census of Ireland, from the Commissioners.

The number of readers in the Pupils' room, during the past year, has been 163.

MUSEUM :

The Council have to report that the Curatorship of the Museum still remains vacant; but that advertisements have been inserted in the public papers giving notice that an election to the office will be held upon the 1st of July, 1856. Amendments have been made in the ordinances removing the former restriction of the choice of a Curator to Fellows or Licentiates of the College, and raising the emoluments to a salary of £80 with an optional grant not to exceed £40 year.

All the wet preparations in the school or small museum have been repainted and varnished, thus securing them as far as possible against evaporation. All the dry preparations of the vascular system have been cleaned and revarnished, and all the plaster casts properly dusted and placed in their proper cases.

In addition to which 270 preparations were respired.

The following new preparations have been added to the Anatomical Museum, viz. :—

Eleven preparations, including sections of the pelvic bones of an Ostrich (*Struthio Camelus*) and Emu (*Dromaius Novæ Hollandiæ*), and to the Pathological department twelve new preparations have also been added.

The following donations have been received and acknowledged during the year, viz. :

The skin of a Cow (*Bos taurus*) with five legs, presented by ——— West, Esq.

A monstrous Human Fœtus, presented by Robert Adams, Esq., F. R. C. S., I.

The skull of an Esquimeaux, presented by Captain McClintock, R.N.

Headlam's Medical Journal 60
The cast of an enlarged Clitoris, presented by Doctor Churchill.
Two skulls of South Sea Islanders, presented by John D'Arcy, Esq.,
R. N.

Two Tape Worms (*Tænia lata*) presented by Dr. Cunningham,
Carrick-on-Shannon.

A preparation of Aneurism of the Heart and Aorta, presented by
Dr. Bellingham.

Four preparations, including a plaster cast of a case of Fungus
Hæmatodes of the Nates, presented by Professor Geoghegan.

Three preparations, including the Heart and femoral Arteries of a
patient three times successfully treated by compression for the cure of
Aneurism, presented by Professor Tufnell.

Two preparations presented by Dr. Darby.

The number of persons who visited the Museum from the 12th of
May, 1855, to the 12th May, 1856, was 2,176. The reason for this
small number must be attributed to the Museum having been open but
for two days in each week.

The Council have been engaged in what has become almost a regular
yearly task, watching the progress of an attempt to legislate for the
arrangement of the Medical Profession; and upon the invitation of the
Royal Colleges of Surgeons of Edinburgh and England, the Vice-Presi-
dent and Secretary of the Council twice met in conference with deputa-
tions from those bodies. On the 22nd of February a bill for the
regulation of the Medical Profession, introduced into Parliament by Mr.
Headlam, was considered by the Council; and on the 7th of March, the
following Report upon the bill was adopted and subsequently made the
basis of a petition to the House of Commons:—

“Your Committee report—

“That the main features of the bill are, 1st, a system of Registra-
tion, and 2nd, the establishment of a Council empowered to supervise and
control the action of the Colleges of Surgeons and Physicians of the three
kingdoms, in regard to the education, examination, and qualification of
Medical Practitioners.

“That with regard to the first, they see no objection except in so far
as it goes (clause 21), to confer upon the simple Licentiate of the London
Apothecaries' Company, the qualification of a Surgeon by legislative act.

“That to the principle of a Council, they are of opinion the College
is pledged to assent, but that the form proposed is in a high degree
objectionable, on the grounds of inequality, as regards the representation
of the Surgical Colleges and of the Colleges of Ireland. It is proposed to
compose it of 24 Members, 16 from corporate bodies, and 8 to be elected
by the Medical Practitioners of the three kingdoms. Of the 16 official
Members, 7 are proposed to be returned from Medical and Surgical bodies,
3 of these Scotch; and of the whole number, there will be 9 for Scotland,
9 for England, and but 6 for Ireland.

“That the representation of Universities in a Council empowered to
supervise Medical and Surgical Colleges only, and invested with no control
over Universities, would be unjust and ought to be opposed.

“That the proposal for admission of elected representatives of the
Council would lead to confusion and is unnecessary, inasmuch as it is
proposed to bring all Medical Practitioners within the circle of one or
other of the Colleges through which they would be represented.

League with the Imperial Colleges
"That the Council ought, therefore, to be constituted of representatives of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons only, and equally, as regards the three kingdoms.

"That it appears to be designed by the Bill to locate the Council in London, which is in the highest degree objectionable, as leading to centralization; and that it should be pressed upon the Legislature, that successive meetings of the Council should be held in London, Dublin, and Edinburgh, and a Registrar with an office located in each of these capitals; his acts to be placed under the direction of the local Councillors as a Committee of the Council.

"That the proposal for rendering an examination by a College of Physicians indispensable for the qualification of Surgeons is highly objectionable.

"That if these details were attended to, the Committee are of opinion that the bill ought to be supported as a measure likely to be advantageous to the profession and to the public."

The bill, together with another subsequently introduced by Lord Elcho, has been referred to a select Committee of the House of Commons, and they are still under its consideration.

The Council have great satisfaction in reporting that the union between the three Colleges of Surgeons has been drawn closer in the course of these transactions, than it has ever previously been; and that the occasion has been taken advantage of to initiate arrangements for securing a permanent co-operation and identity of interests. The progress that has been as yet made in this work will be explained by the following documents:—

To W. Lawrence, Esq., President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

London, 4th April, 1856.

DEAR SIR,

During the communications that have lately taken place it has occurred to our colleagues, Doctors Wood and Williams, and ourselves, that much good might be done to the common cause of the profession and to the public interest, by strengthening the cordial feeling between the Colleges of Surgeons, of the existence of which our intercourse with you and your Council has afforded us very agreeable proofs, and by providing a permanent machinery for a common action of those bodies.

It appears to us that the clamour for medical legislation has been based upon ideas which are in a great measure illusory, and that any colorable plea for urging it upon Parliament might be removed by the joint voluntary action of the Surgical Corporations, without the necessity for any new law whatsoever. For example, a registration of the Fellows and Licentiates of the Colleges of Surgeons, who are virtually the Medical Practitioners of the whole country, might be effected in the most authentic manner by the Colleges publishing their lists under the sanction of their united authority, so expressed on the face of the general list as to be satisfactory to the public, the courts of justice, &c.; again, a rational uniformity in curriculum of education, in age of candidates, and in mode of examination might be agreed upon by the Colleges, and the agreement authenticated and made publicly known. These are in truth the grounds upon which Medical Reform Bills have been founded, with their ma-

chinery of councils, inspectors, and other contrivances for confounding the individuality of the Colleges, and eventually crushing them. If the argument, which these professed objects of legislation supply, were removed by the action of the Colleges themselves, it would be difficult to maintain a future agitation.

Holding these views, we are led to suggest that an arrangement might be made, whereby a small number of deputies from each of the Colleges should hold a stated meeting annually for the purpose of conferring upon the common interest and sanctioning the common adoption of such measures as those to which we have alluded. A period of the year might be selected for those meetings which would obviate any inconvenience, and by holding them successively in the three capitals, an opportunity would be afforded for practically harmonizing our several arrangements without coercion or striving after a rigid and practically impossible uniformity.

We make this suggestion with the sanction and in the name of our colleagues, who have been obliged to leave town, and of course subject to after consideration by our respective Colleges, but in the earnest hope that it may be accepted by you as a preliminary of a treaty of friendship and alliance which we are fully convinced would be very acceptable to our constituents.

We see no reason why, at a future period, all the Medical bodies might not unite with us in this scheme; but in the meantime we have addressed ourselves to your College only, between whom and us there is really at this moment little or no difference on the subject of medical legislation or policy.

We remain, dear Sir,
faithfully yours,

H. MAUNSELL,
DOUGLAS MACLAGAN.

To Henry Maunsell, Esq.

*Royal College of Surgeons of England,
15th April, 1856.*

SIR,

I am desired by the President to acquaint you that the Council of this College entertains the propositions made in the joint letter of yourself and Dr. Maclagan, of the 4th inst., that the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of England, Edinburgh and Ireland should, as far as practicable, establish uniformity in the age and curriculum of education of candidates for their several diplomas; and, that the three Colleges should annually publish lists of their respective Fellows, Members and Licentiates, under the sanction of their united authority, and that the President and Vice-Presidents of this College will communicate with the authorities of the Colleges of Edinburgh and Ireland, upon the mode of carrying out the said propositions.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

EDM. BELFOUR, Sec.

Professorship of Military Surgery

These letters having been laid before the Council on the 18th of April, it was

“Resolved—That the Council have received the foregoing communication with the utmost satisfaction; and that they will gladly co-operate with the Colleges of Surgeons of England and Edinburgh in carrying out the objects referred to therein.”

To H. Maunsell, Esq., M. D., Secretary to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Surgeons' Hall, Edinburgh,

5th May, 1856.

SIR,

I am directed by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh to forward to you the enclosed excerpt minute of the 3rd inst., on the subject of joint proceedings proposed to be taken by the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of England, Ireland, and Edinburgh, and remain

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JOHN SCOTT, Sec.

Excerpt Minute of Meeting of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, 3rd May, 1856.

Dr. Douglas Maclagan having read the draft of joint letter addressed by Dr. H. Maunsell, Secretary to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and himself, as members of the late deputations in London, to Mr. Lawrence the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and having also read a letter from the Secretary of that College of the 15th ultimo, and one from Dr. Maunsell of the 22nd ultimo, annexing a minute of the Irish College, all on the same subject, it was now unanimously

“Resolved—That this College has received these communications with the utmost satisfaction, and will gladly co-operate with the Colleges of Surgeons of England and Ireland in carrying into effect the objects therein referred to: and that this resolution be now communicated to these Colleges by the Secretary.”—*Extracted from the Records of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh by John Scott, Secretary.*

The Council have further to report that the foundation of a Regius Professorship of Military Surgery in the College has been completed, and that Mr. Joliffe Tufnell, one of the Fellows, has been appointed Professor by the Secretary of State for War.

By order of the Council,

H. MAUNSELL, Secretary.

16th May, 1856.

N.B.—Fellows are requested, in case of changes of their addresses, to communicate the same to the Registrar.