



Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council have to report that, since their election on the 5th of June, 1865, they held 26 meetings, at which the number of attendances of each Member of Council was as follows:—

	<i>Meetings.</i>
The President, Samuel G. Wilmot	13
The Vice-President, Richard G. H. Butcher	13
Arthur Jacob	22
William Hargrave	24
Robert Adams	5
James Barker	21
William Colles	26
Hans Irvine	19
Robert Pentland	6
Thomas L. Mackesy	6
Awly P. Banon	19
Peter Shannon	19
Rawdon Macnamara	16
Hamilton Labatt	24
Benjamin M'Dowell	13
Edward Ledwich	26
William Jameson	23
Alexander Carte	26
James H. Wharton	23
George W. Hatchell	10
Albert J. Walsh	26

The Council have to report that during the year ending the 5th April, 1866, 11 candidates were admitted to the Fellowship of the College, and 89 gentlemen received Letters Testimonial; 9 Licentiates obtained the Diploma in Midwifery; 7 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:—

Drs. J. Carroll, Robert Crean, Richard Hudson Courtney, Henry Baylee Collins, Richard Corbett, John P. Delmage, Joseph Doyle, George Davis, James Richard Dunne, Michael Finorth, Joseph Brabazon Grant, Nicholas L. Gray, William Greer, William Hutchinson, William Hanbury, Edward Hutton, Samuel Hunter, Hutchinson Humphery, Robert William Lawless, Folliott M'Grath, Jerome Morgan, Joseph Poulter Mackesy, James O'Dowd, Patrick O'Connor, Joseph Rutherford, W. B. Tarleton, Nichol Williams, Richard White, C. Edward Wall.

The entire number now on the lists of the College amounts to 391 Fellows and 1,711 Licentiates.

The Council beg leave to submit an abstract of the Income and Expenditure of the College for the past year, ending 5th April, 1866, and they place on the table a detailed account of the particulars of receipts and disbursements during that period.

Abstract of the Totals of Income and Expenditure under

Receipts.

Balance of Account ended 5th April, 1865	...	...	...	£229 11 0
Fees on Matriculation of 129 Pupils	...	...	...	£64 10 0
Do. Registration of 92 Pupils	...	...	...	483 0 0
Do. 83 Candidates for Letters Testimonial	...	...	...	1743 0 0
Do. 10 „ Fellowship	...	...	...	147 0 0
Do. 9 „ Midwifery	...	...	...	18 18 0
Dividend on £2,500 New Three per Cent. Stock, to 8th April, 1865, less				
Income Tax	...	...	...	36 11 3
Dividend on £2,500 New Three per Cent. Stock, to 13th October, 1865, less				
Income Tax	...	...	...	36 17 6
Half-year's Interest on £10,000, secured by Mortgage, to August, 1865, less				
Income Tax	...	...	...	207 3 9
Half-year's Interest on £10,000, secured by Mortgage, to February, 1866,				
less Income Tax	...	...	...	207 3 9
Interest on £500, on Deposit, to 16th March, 1866	...	...	...	21 12 10
Dislodged—on the 16th March, 1866, from the £500 "Deposit Account"				
in Bank of Ireland, as appeared on the 5th April, 1865	300 0 0
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CARMICHAEL FUND.

DR.		Balance to the Credit of this Account on 5th April,	CR.
Cash in Bank on 5th April, 1865 ...	£706 16 6	1866 ...	£813 5 9
Dividend for half-year to July, 1865, on £3,608 17s. 4d. Consols, less Income Tax ...	53 4 7		
Dividend for half-year to January, 1866, on £3,608 17s. 4d. Consols, less In- come Tax ...	53 4 8		
	£813 5 9		£813 5 9

£3,495 8 1

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each head, from 6th April, 1865, to 5th April, 1866.

Expenditure.

Establishment :—This is composed of—Fuel, £38 17s. 8d. ; Lighting, £59 0s. 11d. ; Chandlery, £6 13s. 10d. ; Printing, Stationery, Stamps, &c., £82 4s. 2d. ; Painting and Glazing, £25 1s. ; Builders' and Carpenters' work, £39 4s. 11d. ; Servants' Clothes, £45 18s. 6d. ; Furniture, Repairing and Polishing do., £78 9s. 6d. ; Ironmongery, £38 15s. 8d. ; House, Sundries, and Incidentals, £61 7s. 4d.			
	Total,	£475	13 6
Taxes—Consolidates, Rates, &c.	...	228	16 5
Library :—This is composed of—Books, £236 4s. 5d. ; Binding Books, £44 1s. ; Library Clerk, £66 5s. ; Incidentals, £6.			
	Total,	352	10 5
Museum :—This is composed of—Curator's Gratuities, £70 ; Ditto, Salary, £80 ; Ditto, for Incidentals, £25 ; Porter's Wages, £68 10s. ; Painting, &c., £9 13s. 11d. ; Timber, £13 5s. 8d. ; Carpenters' Work, £19 12s. 6d. ; Drugs, Spirits, &c., £26 1s. 6d. ; Glass Jars and Shades, £33 8s. ; Stands, £3 10s. 6d. ; Skeletons from the Exhibition, £35 ; Preparations, £5 ; Ironmongery, £3 1s. ; Cover for Table, £2 2s. ; Fuel, £1 18s. ; Incidentals, £1 12s.			
	Total,	397	15 1
School :—This is composed of—Laboratory Expenses, £50 ; Porters' Wages, £92 2s. ; School Advertisements, £31 10s. ; Fuel, £16 10s. 4d. ; Plumbers' Work, £8 ; Ironmongery, £6 10s. 6d. ; Carpenters' Work, £7 9s. 3d. ; Painting, &c., £13 17s. ; Towels and Rubbers, £4 ; Incidentals, £1 4s.			
	Total,	226	3 1
Fire Insurance—Renewal Premiums	...	51	1 10
Surgical Society :—This is composed of—Reporting Meetings, £18 10s. ; Advertisements, £7 17s. 6d. ; Hire of Lamps, China, &c., £8 13s. 10d. ; Table Cloths, £1 18s. 2d.			
	Total,	36	19 6
Remuneration to Examiners	...	446	6 8
Do. to Members of Council	...	163	19 6
Do. to Classical Examiners	...	73	10 0
Do. to Midwifery do.	...	6	1 3
Repaid Candidates for Letter Testimonial (6)	...	126	0 0
Do. for Fellowship (1)	...	10	10 0
Robes and Caps for Examiners and Members of Council	...	24	12 4
Bust of late Doctor Todd—paid Mr. Kirk	...	46	3 0
Albert Hall	...	36	11 2
This is for—a new Clock, £20 ; Painting Work, £16 11s. 2d.			
Illuminating College for Prince of Wales' Visit	...	65	17 0
Salary of Secretary of Council	...	100	0 0
Do. of Registrar	...	80	0 0
Do. of Accountant	...	20	0 0
Do. of House Keeper	...	40	0 0
Retired Allowance to Doctor Hart	...	50	0 0
Do. do. to Mr. Boylan	...	30	0 0
Do. do. to Mrs. Evans	...	20	16 0
Allowance to Mace Bearer	...	10	0 0
Wages of House Servants	...	117	15 6
Total Expenditure from 6th April, 1865, to 5th April, 1866			
	...	3237	2 3
Balance on 5th April, 1866 (exclusive of £200 in Deposit Account)			
	...	258	5 10
		£3,495	8 1

MUSEUM.

The following Report, for the year ending April 5th, 1866, has been furnished by the Curator:—

In submitting my tenth annual report, I beg leave to state that the increased facilities afforded by the Council during the past year have enabled the Curator to add largely to the attraction and usefulness of the collection. The alteration in the Anatomical Museum by the addition of a long range of shelving round the whole of the gallery has given a great increase to space, so much required; and on the shelves added in the Pathological Museum, the Curator has been able to place many valuable specimens, which were cumbering the floors of the Museum and galleries. Several good purchases have been made by the Council, among which may be mentioned the collection of Skeletons (some rare) which were exhibited by Mr. Gerrard of London, and which attracted so much attention in the late Dublin Exhibition; specimens from the collection of the late Dr. Lover; and several dead animals from the Zoological Gardens. Preparations of most of these dead animals have been already placed in the Museum.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of additions to the collection for the year, amounting to 112 new preparations. These may be classed as follows:—

Complete Skeletons	...	...	...	23
Crania	...	...	...	9
Anatomical Specimens in Spirit	35
Anatomical Casts	9
Pathological Preparations	29
Casts Coloured	7
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200 old Preparations have been repaired and put up in fresh spirit.

Owing to the restrictions placed on visitors to the Museum their number has been but few (2,617), but among these were several distinguished Surgeons, from England and the Continent, who were much pleased with the collection. The Professors of the College have been supplied with such specimens as they may have required for lecture, and every facility has been afforded to students and teachers. Some progress has been made in the arrangement of the collection, which will be further carried out when certain changes in the shelving, now under consideration, shall have been completed.

The proper cataloguing of the specimens has been also duly attended to. Donations have been received from the following :—Drs. Banon, Benson, Brassington, Battersby, Darby, Geoghegan, Halahan, Fleming, Hargrave, Hilliary, Jacob, Macnamara, M'Clintock, Mapother, Minchin, Moore, Murray, Porter, Stapleton, Sibthorpe, Smyly, Perceval Wright; Messrs. Brenen, Croly, M'Alister, Tufnell, Wharton.

JOHN BARKER, M.D.,
Curator.

Improvement of the Museum.

At a meeting of Council, held on June 22nd, 1866, the Secretary of the College brought down the following recommendation from the College at large, passed at their meeting, held on Monday, 29th May, 1865, viz. :—

Resolved—

“That it is the wish of the College that the Council do take into their early consideration the desirability of improving the Museum.”

When it was resolved—

“That the foregoing recommendation be referred to the Museum Committee to consider and report thereon.”

With respect to the foregoing recommendation the Council beg to call attention to the progressive improvement of the Museum, and to the Report of the Curator thereon.

At a meeting of Council, held on August 17th, 1865, it was resolved :—

“That the case of skeletons in the Exhibition be purchased at a sum not exceeding 42 guineas.”

LIBRARY.

Sixty-three Journals and Transactions of Societies, with 234 other works, in all 297 volumes, have been added to the Library during the past year. Eighty-four 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. Radford, M'Cormac, Belcher, Ricord, Duncan, Brown, Hemple, J. Stannus Hughes, Stanly, Shinkwin, Pollock, Mapother, Moore, W. Hargrave, Cook, Kidd, Mackesy, M'Clintock, and Rev. Samuel Haughton.

The following donations have also been received :—"Transactions" and "Proceedings" of the Royal Irish Academy ; "Army Medical Reports, vol. 5 ;" "Dublin Quarterly Journal of Science ;" "Australian Medical Journal ;" "Register of the King and Queen's College of Physicians, Ireland, 1st and 2nd Editions ;" "Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London, 1865 ;" "Judicial and Statistical Reports, Ireland ;" "Journal of the Royal Dublin Society ;" "London University Calender, 1866 ;" and the "Register of Births and Deaths in Ireland."

The number of readers in the pupils' reading-room during the past year has been 260.

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS.

At a meeting of Council, held on 17th August, 1865, it was resolved :—

"That from and after this date three Councillors shall be directed to attend the Preliminary Examinations ; that the fee for each Councillor be two guineas ; and that the Council shall be summoned in rotation to discharge this duty."

At a meeting of Council, held on January 4th, 1866, it was resolved :—

"That the following resolution, passed at a meeting of Council, held on Thursday, the 18th of August, 1865, be amended, at the suggestion of the Examiners, as follows, viz. :—

"That from November 1st, 1865, candidates may select, as the subject of Preliminary Examination, one Greek and one Latin work, from the following course :—

"IN GREEK—The Gospel of St. John, the Menippus of Lucian, or the First Book of Xenophon's Anabasis.

"IN LATIN—The First and Second Books of the *Æneid* of Virgil, the Jugurthine War of Sallust, or the Third Book of Livy.

"Candidates will also be required to write English correctly from dictation, and to give evidence of proficiency in Arithmetic."

PROFESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS.

At a meeting of Council, held on May 18th, 1865, the Secretary of Council was directed to forward the following letter to the Court of Examiners, viz. :—

"Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland,
Dublin, May 22nd, 1865.

"GENTLEMEN—I have been directed by the President and Council to call your attention to the following resolution of the 19th of January, 1865, viz. :—

'Resolved—That the Court of Examiners be directed to carry out the provisions of the section relative to the examination of candidates for Letters Testimonial, as follows :—'In addition to the oral examination, candidates for Letters Testimonial shall, subsequent to the 1st of May, 1863, be required to give written answers to written or printed questions, to be delivered to them in such a manner as the Council may direct; not more than seven written questions to be given to the candidate; all to take effect from 1st of May, 1865.'

"Your obedient servant,

"JAMES STANNUS HUGHES, Secretary of Council.

"To the Examiners, R.C.S.I."

"Albert Hall, Royal College of Surgeons,
May 29th, 1865.

"SIR—In reply to your communication of the 22nd inst., I am requested by the Court of Examiners to submit, through you, to the President and Council, the following suggestions as to the carrying out of the written examination for the Licence of this College, viz. :—

"That the two candidates shall attend at the same hour, upon the first day; the candidate not under oral examination for the first hour to receive the written questions, to retire with them, and write his replies in the presence of one or more of the examiners. At the commencement of the second hour, the candidate under oral examination during the first hour to be similarly treated. The answers to be handed to the senior Examiner present, who shall retain them until the succeeding day, when they will be opened and examined in the presence of the Councillors by the members of the Court.'

"Requesting the favour of a reply, at your earliest convenience, intimating the views of the Council upon the above,

"I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

"JEROME MORGAN, Senior Member of the Court
of Examiners.

"J. S. Hughes, Esq., Secretary of Council,
Royal College of Surgeons."

At a meeting of Council, held on February 15th, 1866, it was resolved :—

“ That the propriety of reviving the Sessional Examinations be referred to the consideration of the Educational Committee, and that they report to the Council at its next meeting.”

In accordance with the above resolution, the Education Committee brought up a report on the 15th of March, 1866.

At a meeting of Council, held on 22nd March, 1866, it was resolved :—

“ That the following ordinances and regulations, based on the report of the Education Committee, to establish quarterly examinations for candidates for Letters Testimonial, in classes, be adopted, viz. :—

“ Examinations for Letters Testimonial shall be held quarterly, on the second Tuesday in May, August, November, and February, at which candidates shall be divided into two classes—a junior and a senior.

Junior Examination.

“ The junior class shall produce certificates of having attended three Courses of Lectures on Anatomy and Physiology; three Courses of Lectures on Practical Anatomy, with Dissections; two Courses of Lectures on Chemistry; one Course of Lectures on Materia Medica; one Course of Lectures on Botany; and one Course of Lectures on Forensic Medicine.

“ This class shall be examined in Anatomy, Physiology, Materia Medica, and Pharmaceutical Chemistry.

“ The senior class shall produce certificates of having attended three Courses of Lectures on the Theory and Practice of Surgery, one Course of Lectures on the Practice of Medicine, and one Course of Lectures on Midwifery; with certificates of attendance on a recognized hospital for three winter and three summer sessions.

“ This class shall be examined in Surgery, Operative Surgery, the Practice of Medicine, and Forms of Prescriptions.

“ These examinations shall be partly written and partly oral, and if answered to the satisfaction of the Examiners, shall entitle the candidate to the Letters Testimonial of the College.

“ Senior Examination.

“ 1st. That the senior examination shall take place on the following Tuesday after the conclusion of the junior.

"2nd. That the candidates shall assemble at the College at three o'clock, when twelve having been selected according to alphabetical order, will receive four written questions on Surgery and Practice of Medicine, which they will be required to answer within an hour. At the end of the hour each candidate shall enclose his questions and answers in an envelope, with his name on the back, and hand same to the Examiner superintending.

"3rd. That the seven Examiners shall be summoned to attend on each day at four o'clock to commence the oral examination of the several candidates, and that four out of the said Examiners shall be required to examine each for a quarter of an hour, at four separate and distinct tables, viz. :—three on Surgery and Practice of Medicine, and one on the Forms of Prescription. In case of illness or absence of one of the four Examiners, then the next Examiner according to seniority shall take the place of the absent member of the Court.

"4th. That each Examiner, at the conclusion of his examination, shall express his opinion of same by 'Yes' or 'No,' and shall hand such expression of opinion on paper to the senior Councillor presiding at such examination.

"5th. That two Councillors be summoned to witness the examination of each candidate, and shall accompany him from table to table till his examination be completed, when the voting papers having been examined, and the result declared, each successful candidate shall thereon be entitled to be recommended to the Council for the Letters Testimonial of the College; and such candidate as shall not have answered to the satisfaction of the Examiners, shall be entitled to re-appear for examination at the next quarterly examination."

"Fees for these Examinations.

"Each candidate in the Junior Class shall have paid Ten Shillings for his preliminary examination in general education; Five Guineas as a Registered Pupil of the College; and Five Guineas for the Junior Class Examination—none of which fees shall be returned in case of rejection, but the candidate shall be entitled to present himself again for this examination without further payment.

"The candidate in the Senior Class shall pay Fifteen Guineas in addition to the fees paid by him for his examinations in the Junior Class."

Resolved—"That the foregoing ordinances and regulations shall take effect from the second Tuesday in May, 1866."

Resolved—"That these ordinances be sent to the different qualifying medical bodies, schools, and hospitals, and be published in the two next numbers of the *Medical Press and Circular*."

At a meeting of Council, held on April 5th, 1866, the recommendations for the detailed modes of conducting the quarterly examinations in classes having been brought up by the Education Committee, were adopted, and ordered to be placed on the minutes, viz. :—

"1st. Candidates for examination to return their names to the Registrar of the College, and lodge money and certificates one week before the day specified for examination.

"2nd. Candidates to be examined in alphabetical order.

"3rd. That the seven Examiners be summoned at three o'clock for the purpose of handing their written questions to the candidates, and appointing a member of the Court to superintend.

"4th. The candidates to assemble at the College at three o'clock p.m., when twelve, selected according to alphabetical order, will each receive three written questions on Anatomy and Physiology, and one on *Materia Medica*, which they will be required to answer within one hour; and the examiner whose duty it shall be to superintend the writing of such answers shall be appointed by rotation, beginning at the junior Examiner. At the end of the hour each candidate shall enclose his questions and answers in an envelope, with his name on the back, and hand same to the Examiner superintending.

"5th. That the seven Examiners shall be summoned to attend on each day at four o'clock, to commence the oral examinations of the several candidates, and that four out of the said Examiners shall be required to examine each for one quarter of an hour, at four distinct and separate tables, viz., three on Anatomy and Physiology, and one on *Materia Medica*.

"6th. That each Examiner, at the conclusion of each examination, shall express his opinion of same by 'Yes' or 'No,' and shall hand such expression of opinion on paper to the senior Councillor presiding at such examination.

"7th. That two Councillors be summoned to witness the examination of each candidate, and shall accompany him from table to table till his examination be completed, when the voting papers having been examined, and the result declared, the name of each successful candidate shall be enrolled in a book kept for that purpose in the College.

At a meeting of Council, held on 17th August, 1865, it was resolved—

"That it shall be the duty of the senior Councillor present to see that no party other than the College Examiners shall interfere with the conduct of the several examinations, and also to see that, previous to the Examiners' decision, all parties, except the Examiners and Councillors of the College, shall retire."

At a meeting of Council, held on December 21st, 1866, it was resolved:—

"That no person, except he is a Licentiate or Fellow, shall be permitted to be present at the examinations, unless by the written permission of the Council."

At the same meeting, it was further resolved:—

"That any candidate for the Licence of this College who produces a diploma or certificate from the College of Physicians or from the Universities be exempted, if he so desire, from examination in Pharmacy and Practice of Medicine."

Recognition of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital as a Medico-Chirurgical Hospital.

At a meeting of Council, held on November 15th, 1865, it was unanimously resolved:—

"That the attendance on the practice of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, and the Clinical Lectures therein delivered, be in future recognized as part of the qualification for the Letters Testimonial and Fellowship of this College."

Carmichael Fund.

The allocation of the above fund is still under the consideration of the Attorney-General for Ireland.

Visit of his Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to the College.

His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant was pleased, on the invitation of the President and Council, to visit the College on Thursday, the 3rd of May, 1866, at four o'clock, when his Excellency, who devoted considerable time to the inspection of the various specimens in the Museum, expressed himself to the President, on leaving, as having been much gratified by his visit to the College.

By order,

JAMES STANNUS HUGHES, M.D.,

Secretary of Council.

May 17th, 1866.