



# Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

## EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

THE Council have to report that, since their election on the 4th of June, 1860, they held 27 meetings, at which the number of attendances of each Member of Council was as follows:—

	<i>Meetings.</i>		
The President, Robert Adams ... ..	..	..	22
The Vice-President, William Jameson ... ..	...	..	25
J. W. Cusack .. ..	...	..	12
Arthur Jacob .. ..	...	...	27
W. H. Porter (died 28th April, 1861) .. ..	..	..	16
Thomas E. Beatty .. ..	...	...	15
* William Hargrave .. ..	..	..	20
James Barker .. ..	...	..	26
William Colles .. ..	...	..	22
John H. Power .. ..	..	...	23
Hans Irvine .. ..	...	...	20
Edward Hutton .. ..	..	..	18
Robert Pentland .. ..	..	..	11
Samuel G. Wilmot .. ..	...	..	10
Awly P. Bannon .. ..	...	..	22
* Peter Shannon .. ..	..	...	17
Hamilton Labatt .. ..	..	...	25
Josiah Smyly .. ..	...	..	18
Benjamin M'Dowell .. ..	...	..	15
Maurice H. Colles .. ..	...	..	19
Edward Ledwich .. ..	...	..	27

The Council have to report that, during the year ending the 5th April, 1861, 70 gentlemen received Letters Testimonial; 1 Fellow and 16 Licentiates obtained the Diploma in Midwifery; and that 11 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 last report, viz.:—Drs. Colvan, Gore, Trotter, W. J. Trotter, Williams, Porter, Armstrong, Barry, Baggot, Bradshaw, Cannon, Carbery, Egan, Galaher, Hart, Macrossan, Mackey, Moran, Masterson, Neale, O'Brien, and Speedy.

The entire number now on the list of the College amounts to 391 Fellows and 1,264 Licentiates.

The Council beg leave to submit an abstract of the income and expenditure of the College, for the year ending 5th April, 1861, and they place on the table a detailed account.

\* Mr. Hargrave was elected 13th July, 1860, in room of the late Dr. Williams, and Mr. Shannon was elected 27th July, 1860, in room of Dr. Macnamara, resigned.

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# ABSTRACT of the Totals of Income and Expenditure under

## Receipts.

Balance of Account, ending 5th April, 1860	...	...	--	£244	16	3
Fees on Matriculation of 98 Pupils	...	...	£24	10	0	
„ Registration of 97 Pupils	..	..	509	5	0	
„ from 77 Candidates for Letters Testimonial...	...	...	1617	0	0	
„ 1 Candidate for Fellowship	...	..	21	0	0	
Dividend on £8,000 New Three per Cent. Stock, to 8th April, 1860, less Income Tax	..	..	44	1	3	
Ditto on £10,173 8s. 4d. Three per Cent. Consols, to 8th July, 1860, less Income Tax	...	...	146	4	10	
Ditto on £13,117 3s. 9d. New Three per Cent. Stock, to 13th October, 1860, less Income Tax	..	...	188	11	2	
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## CARMICHAEL FUND.

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To Cash in Bank on 5th April, 1860	... 185 1 9	By paid Smith and Son for Advertising notices in three Papers about Carmichael Prizes, on 2nd November, 1860	1 2 0
„ Dividend for half-year, to July, 1860, on £3,608 17s. 4d. Three per Cent. Consols, less Income Tax	... 51 17 7	„ Balance in Bank on 5th April, 1861	..287 14 11
„ Dividend for half-year, to January, 1861, on £3,608 17s. 4d. Three per Cent. Consols, less Income Tax	... 51 17 7		
	£288 16 11		£288 16 11

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each head, from 6th April, 1860, to 5th April, 1861.

### Expenditure.

Incidentals .. .. .	£458	0	0
This is composed of Fuel, Chandlery, Gas-light, Printing, Stationery, Painting, Glazing, Plumber's work, Repairs, Upholstery, new Matting, Servants' Clothing, &c., &c.			
Council Chamber .. .. .	159	13	4
This is composed of new Windows, Painting and Papering, new Carpet, Curtains, Drugget, &c.			
Taxes for one year .. .. .	153	14	10
Library .. .. .	283	13	8
This item includes Books, £138 3s.; Binding and Repairing Books, £75 2s. 4d.; Timber and Carpenter's wages, £15 6s. 4d.; Porter's wages, £52; incidentals, £3 2s.			
Museum .. .. .	261	5	6
This item includes—Curator's gratuities, £30; do. salary, £80; do. for incidentals, £9 18s. 2d.; Porter's wages, £46 15s.; Preparation Jars, £22 9s. 9d.; Glass Cases, £4 11s. 4d.; Chemist and Spirits, £31 13s. 6d.; Carpenter, Timber, and Plumber, £26 10s. 1d.; Washing, Fuel, &c., £4 7s. 8d.; President for a Copy of Cast, £5.			
School .. .. .	214	19	11
This item includes—Laboratory expenses, £40; Porters' wages, £76 10s.; Washing allowance, £2 9s. 9d.; School Advertisements, £31 10s.; Fuel, £15 16s.; Ironmongery, £8 8s.; Painting for School, &c., £18 9s. 5d.; Towels, Rubbers, &c., £2 2s. 10d.; Carpenter's wages, Timber, &c., £19 13s. 11d.			
Insurance of entire College for one year .. .. .	69	16	10
Surgical Society .. .. .	38	13	6
This item includes Conversazione, £10; Reporting at eight Meetings, £12; Correcting Reports and Printing, £10 8s.; Hire of Lamps and incidentals, £6 5s. 6d.			
Remuneration to Examiners .. .. .	341	10	3
Repaid nine Candidates for Letters Testimonial rejected .. .. .	189	0	0
Royal Irish Fire Escape Society—a donation .. .. .	10	10	0
Bust of late Doctor Williams .. .. .	66	3	0
Law Costs paid Mr. Litton .. .. .	13	16	2
Salary of Secretary of Council .. .. .	100	0	0
„ Registrar .. .. .	50	0	0
„ Accountant .. .. .	20	0	0
Retired allowance to Doctor Hart .. .. .	50	0	0
„ „ W. Boylan .. .. .	30	0	0
Wages of House Servants .. .. .	104	16	0
Total Expenditure from 6th April, 1860, to 5th April, 1861 .. .. .	£2615	13	0
Balance on 5th April, 1861 .. .. .	179	15	6
£2,795 8 6			

## COUNCIL CHAMBER.

The Council Chamber of the College having, for a long time past, been found inconvenient from want of sufficient light and ventilation, the Council consulted Mr. Darley, the architect of the College, on the subject, who supplied a plan for remodelling and improving it, which was adopted. The Council Chamber is now completed, and it is to be hoped that these changes will render it not only more healthful and commodious but more creditable to the institution.

## LIBRARY,

*Report of the Library Clerk to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons,  
for the year ending 5th of April, 1861.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg leave to report that 33 journals and transactions of societies and 127 other works, in all 160 volumes, have been added to the Library. During the past year 345 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. Barker, Godard, Baddely, Hood, J. Stannus Hughes, Granville, and Lalor.

The following donations have also been received:—"Transactions of the Medical and Physical Society of Bombay," "Deaths in Bombay," "London University Calendar, 1861," "Proceedings of the Zoological Society of London," "Journal of the Geological Society of Dublin," "Dublin University Calendar and Examination Papers," "Medical Epidemics, Glaucoma, and Iridectomy," "General Report of the Royal Hospital of Bridewell and Bethlam and the King Edward School," a "Catalogue of the Lepidopterous Insects in the Museum of Natural History at the East India House," 1st and 2nd vols.; "Statutes of the King and Queen's College of Physicians, Ireland."

The number of readers in Pupils' Room during the past year has been 420; the number of books borrowed by Fellows of the College during the past year 540.

JOHN MACLEAN, *Library Clerk.*



## MUSEUM.

*Report of the Curator to the Council, for the year ending the 5th April,  
1861.*

GENTLEMEN,

I beg leave to submit my report to you for the year ending the 5th of April, 1861. The Museums of the College have been open to the public 85 days during the past year, and 2,050 visitors admitted. Visitors, foreigners, and medical classes have also been admitted on all occasions, and at the conversazione of the Surgical Society, held on the 28th April, 1860, the museums were opened to 250 visitors. During the past year 64 new preparations have been added to the collection. Of these, three deserve to be especially noticed, viz. :—a remarkable specimen of hermaphrodite, presented by Dr. Banon; a rare collection of calculi, taken from the duodenum of a horse, presented by J. Long, Esq., and a fine example of elephantiasis of the leg, presented, through Dr. Geoghegan, by Dr. Purser, from the Island of Tobago.

300 preparations have been repaired, identified, and replaced in the Museum.

Contributions have been received from the Royal Dublin Society, the President, Drs. Banon, Babington, Benson, Byrne, Carte, Croly, Darby, Fleming, Geoghegan, Gore, Hargrave, Hans Irvine, Jacob, Johns, Minchin, Morgan, Power, Purser, Sawyer, Stapleton, Tufnel, Messrs. Good, Long, Martin.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN BARKER, M.B., *Curator.*

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

May 7th, 1861.

In consequence of a memorial presented to the Council by the Curator of the Museum, which was recommended by the Museum Committee to the favourable consideration of the Council, Dr. Jacob gave the following notice of motion, at a meeting of Council, held January 18th, 1861, viz. :

“That he would, on the next day of meeting, move that the salary of the Curator of the Museum shall, in future, be £80 a year, with a gratuity in each year not to exceed £70, and that the resolution of the 3rd November, 1855, be amended accordingly.”

At a meeting held on March 15th, 1861, it was resolved :—

“That the Curator’s gratuity, not to exceed £70 a year, shall be subject, as heretofore, to the recommendation of the Museum Committee and consideration of the Council, who will take into account the nature and amount of the work done in the Museum each quarter: the Council also agree to appoint an assistant to the Curator.

At the same meeting the following ordinance was passed, viz. :—

“That in the ordinance of the 23rd of November, 1855, respecting the salary and gratuity of the Curator, the words “forty pounds” be erased, and the words “seventy pounds” be inserted, and also that an additional servant be allowed to assist in the work required by the Curator, it being distinctly understood that the Curator adhere strictly to the existing rules for the preservation and improvement of the Museum.”

#### PERIODICAL REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL.

The usual Periodical Reports of the Council, of which numerous copies now lie on the table, having been presented at meetings of the College, held in the months of September and January last, and circulated amongst the Fellows, your Council deem it unnecessary to include the various occurrences therein detailed in this Report.

#### POOR LAW MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS.

At the meeting of Council, held on March 15th, several letters (which now lie on the table), from Dr. Gelston, of Limerick, addressed to the President, were read, with respect to the Poor Law Regulation, naming 23 as the earliest age for the holding of Poor Law medical appointments. The Council having taken the same into consideration, and having made particular inquiries in the proper quarter, have come to the conclusion that it is not likely that the rule will be relaxed by the Poor Law Commissioners.



MEMORIAL RESPECTING PROFESSIONAL ETHICS.

The subject of the following memorial, presented on the 5th April, 1861, is still under the serious attention of the Council :—

“ We, the undersigned Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons, being strongly of opinion that some provision should be made in the rules or bye-laws of the College for the purpose of preserving amongst its members a high professional standard, beg to bring the subject under the notice of the Council, and request that they will take such steps as they deem necessary for the purpose of providing their members with fixed laws for their guidance and direction, and also for punishing, by means of censure or otherwise, any of their body who are themselves found to act in a glaringly unprofessional manner, or who offend by meeting in consultation persons who practice homœopathy or other forms of quackery, or practitioners who seek for business through the medium of public advertisements.

“ And we further request that the Council will confer with the College of Physicians, with the view of coming to an understanding that the members of each college shall, in future, mutually respect and give force to the act of the other, if at any time the unfortunate necessity should arise of visiting a member with censure.

- “ JOHN HAMILTON.
- “ FREDERICK KIRKPATRICK.
- “ GERALD OSBREY.
- “ FRANCIS L'ESTRANGE.
- “ ALFRED H. M'CLINTOCK.
- “ BEN WILLS RICHARDSON.
- “ JOHN K. BARTON.
- “ JOHN MORGAN.
- “ ROBERT M'DONNELL,
- “ W. R. WILDE.
- “ ALBERT J. WALSH.
- “ ROBERT D. SPEEDY.
- “ J. RUTHERFOORD KIRKPATRICK.
- “ B. G. DARLEY.
- “ H. MINCHIN.
- “ DANIEL F. BRADY.
- “ RICHARD TUOHILL.
- “ CHARLES JOHNSON.
- “ EDWARD LEDWICH.
- “ S. L. HARDY.

"JEROME MORGAN.  
 "ROBERT PERSSE WHITE.  
 "WILLIAM A. ELLIOTT.  
 "THOMAS DARBY.  
 "SAMUEL GORDON.  
 "W. FAUSSETT.  
 "ALEXANDER M'DONNELL."

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

NEW ORDINANCE RESPECTING CANDIDATES FOR THE LETTERS TESTIMONIAL,  
 BEING LICENTIATES OF A COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OR GRADUATES OF  
 A UNIVERSITY.

At a meeting of Council, held on April 5th, 1861, the following ordinance was passed, viz. :—

"That candidates for the Letters Testimonial of the College, being Licentiates of a College of Physicians or Graduates in Medicine of a University, shall be examined in General and Descriptive Anatomy, Physiology, the Theory and Practice of Surgery, and Operative Surgery; and if, after examination on these subjects, they shall be recommended to the Council by the Court of Examiners for admission as Licentiates, they shall be so admitted by the Letters Testimonial of the College"

ORDINANCES OF THE SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION.

Your Council having been informed, at their meeting, held on January 11th, 1861, that the question, with regard to the decision of the University Commissioners of Scotland, relative to the proposed granting of a Degree of Master in Surgery by the Scottish Universities was to be argued before the Privy Council on the 16th of January last, it was resolved :—

"That the Finance Committee, including the President, Vice-President, and Secretary, be empowered to consult with and instruct the College Solicitor as to the course to be pursued in prosecuting the appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the University Commissioners of Scotland relative to the degree of Master in Surgery."

At a meeting of Council, held on January 14th, 1861, a draft of a petition (a copy of which now lies on the table) to the Privy Council, against the issuing of a new degree in surgery, as proposed by the ordinance of the Scottish Universities Commissioners, prepared by Mr. Litton, and approved of by William Smith, Esq., Q.C., having been read, was adopted,



ordered to be signed by the President, and, with the College seal attached, to be forwarded by Mr. Litton for presentation to the Privy Council of England.

Your Council regret to say that, notwithstanding the presentation of the petition alluded to, and their having appeared, through an eminent English lawyer, viz., Sir Hugh Cairns, before the Privy Council of England to oppose the said objectionable ordinances, that at a meeting of your Council, held on February 15th, 1861, a copy of the order of her Majesty in Council, of the 4th February, 1861, was read, confirming the ordinances of the Scottish University Commissioners of the 6th August, 1859, and 19th March, 1860, relative to graduation in Medicine and Surgery in the University of Edinburgh.

#### PARLIAMENTARY REPRESENTATION.

At the meeting of Council, held on the 18th January, 1861, the Secretary of the College reported to the Council that, at the last periodical meeting of the College, the following resolution, proposed by Dr. Mackesy, and seconded by Dr. Benson, was unanimously carried, viz. :—

“That the draft of a petition to Parliament, now read,\* praying that a representative in the House of Commons by this College should be elected by the Fellows, be referred to the President and Council for serious attention, with a recommendation to take the same into early consideration, and to present it with such alterations or amendments as they may think fit, whenever a favourable opportunity offers.

“That the President and Council be requested, after presentation, to forward it to the Prime Minister, Lord John Russell, and the Right Hon. Edward Cardwell, and that copies be forwarded to the Irish Members of Parliament, requesting their support to the prayer of the petition.”

At the same meeting of your Council it was resolved that the recommendation of the College, with reference to a petition to Parliament for a medical representative, be taken into consideration as soon as the House of Commons shall have entered upon the subject of Parliamentary Reform.

The following is a copy of the draft petition above referred to :—

*\* To the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, in Parliament assembled :*

The Petition of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland,

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

“That the importance of judicious Sanitary Legislation has been for some time generally acknowledged :

“That little progress has as yet been made in applying Medical Science to the preservation of the public health, in consequence of the want in the Imperial Parliament of Medical Men qualified, by educated intellect, to propose and arrange those Hygienic Measures necessary for health and longevity :

“That efficient legislation for this purpose is not likely to be adopted until Medical Representatives shall be retained as Members of Parliament :

“That the Medical Members of the House of Commons should be elected by Medical constituencies, as the best guarantee for the selection of men professing the scientific acquirements and the sound practical knowledge of their Profession that will fit them to decide on all Hygienic and Medical subjects :

“Impressed with these views, the President, Vice-President, and Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, claim for their College a representation in the Commons House of Parliament :

“The Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, from its first formation, has uniformly maintained a high standard of education. There are at present registered Surgeons on the roll of the College, 397 ; Fellows and Licentiates, 1,210 ;—Total, 1,607 : so that a large constituency could be found of men of high education, intelligence, and liberality, both of thought and action, having intimate relations with all classes of society, and being thus enabled to judge with accuracy of the measures required for the relief of the sick poor and for the health of the community :

“The Medical Profession, unlike the Legal and other interests, is totally unrepresented in the Imperial Parliament. Its duties restrict the



sphere of its influence very much to private life, and its Members are not generally in the habit of coming before the public or engaging in political contest; therefore the only way for their entrance to Parliament is Medical Representation being granted to Medical constituencies.

"The President, Vice-President, and Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, therefore, pray your Honourable House that in any measure of reform, provision shall be made for granting a Representative in the House of Commons to the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland :

"And your Petitioners will ever pray."

#### DEATH OF PROFESSOR PORTER.

The Council having heard with deep regret of the death of the late Professor Porter, Fellow Member of Council, and Representative of this College on the General Council of Medical Registration and Education, it was resolved, at a special meeting of Council, held on April 30th, 1861 :—

"That the President, Fellows, and Licentiates be requested to attend Professor Porter's funeral on Thursday morning next, the 2nd of May, at 8 o'clock, when his remains will be removed from Kildare-street to White-church, beyond Rathfarnham."

By order,

JAMES STANNUS HUGHES, M.D.,

*Secretary of Council.*

May 3rd, 1861.

## APPENDIX.

Since this Report was placed in the hands of the Printer, the Council held a special meeting on May 10th, 1861, when it was resolved :—

“That the candidate for the General Medical Council be elected from the present date until June, 1862.”

The Council then proceeded to ballot for a Representative of the College on the General Council of Medical Education and Registration, in room of the much to be lamented Professor Porter, when Dr. Hargrave, having the greater number of votes, was declared duly elected.





# Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

PRESENTED AT THE

Periodical Meeting of the College in September,

1860.

The Council have to report that, since their election on the 4th day of June, 1860, they held nine meetings.

### DEATH OF DR. WILLIAMS.

With the deepest regret the Council have to record the serious loss the College, and profession at large, have sustained by the untimely death of Dr. Robert Carlisle Williams, which melancholy event took place on the 19th of June, 1860, in London, whilst Dr. Williams was in the discharge of his important duties as your representative on the General Medical Council of Education and Registration.

In connection with Dr. Williams' death, the Council lost no time in issuing to the Fellows at large copies of the following resolution, passed unanimously at their meeting, held on June 21st, 1860, viz. :—

"The Council having been informed of the death of the late much to be lamented Dr. Robert Carlisle Williams, Fellow and Member of Council of this College, resolved—

"That the President, Council, and Fellows of the College be requested to attend his funeral, on Saturday morning, the 23rd instant, at nine o'clock, when his remains will be removed from 14 Lower Fitzwilliam-street, to Mount Jerome Cemetery, Harold's-cross."

In obedience to the foregoing notice, the President, Vice-President, Council, and officers of the College, together with numerous Licentiates and a vast number of Medical Students, joined Dr. Williams' funeral cortege, thus testifying their respect for his memory.

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

"That a bust, in marble, of the late lamented Dr. Williams be procured for the College, and that the following Members of Council and Fellows of the College be appointed to carry this resolution into effect—namely, Drs. Jacob, Beatty, Barker, Tufnell, Maunsell, and Benson."

Dr. Williams' place, as your representative on the General Medical Council, has been filled up by the election of William Henry Porter, Esq., and the vacancy on the Council of the College, caused by Dr. Williams' death, has been filled up by the election of Dr. Hargrave.

Dr. Macnamara, on becoming a candidate for the chair of Materia Medica, in the school of the College (to which he has since been elected), resigned his seat on the Council, and Dr. Shannon was elected in his stead.

#### EDUCATION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE LETTERS TESTIMONIAL AND FELLOWSHIP OF THE COLLEGE.

At a meeting of Council, held on the 11th June, 1860, the following Report having been read, was ordered to be inserted on the minutes :—



*Report of a Committee appointed by the Council on the 11th of May, 1860, to prepare a new Code of Regulations for the Education of Candidates for the Letters Testimonial and Fellowship of this College, required in consequence of the passing of the Medical Act.*

COMMITTEE NAMED.

The PRESIDENT,  
The SECRETARY OF THE COLLEGE,  
The SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL,  
Mr. CUSACK,  
Dr. JACOB,  
Dr. BEATTY,  
Dr. POWER,  
Mr. MACNAMARA,  
Mr. WILLIAMS,  
Mr. W. COLLES,  
Mr. IRVINE,  
Mr. PORTER,  
Mr. LABATT.

"With respect to Preliminary Education, this Committee recommends that the Council of the College shall agree with the opinion of the General Council of Medical Education, 'That no person should enter the Medical or Surgical profession who has not received an education in general knowledge such as will be equal, at least, to that required by National educational bodies.'

"With this view they recommend that the Board of Examiners be authorized to examine candidates for the certificate of preliminary education to the following extent, as soon as the operation of the new Medical Act makes such a course imperative on all colleges:—They suggest that the candidate should be required to write English from dictation, to show a proficiency in Arithmetic, to solve propositions in the First and Second Books of Euclid, and to display an acquaintance with the elements of Natural Philosophy. They also suggest that, in Greek, he should be examined in the First Book of Iliad, in the Gospel according to St. John, and from Lucian in the Dialogue of Menippus, and Lucian's Life; in Latin: Virgil, First and Second Books of Æneid, and the Third Book of

Livy. They likewise recommend that, whenever it can be practically enforced, a rule requiring a knowledge of French and German, as well as Experimental Physics, should be adopted.

"This Committee also recommend the adoption of the suggestion of the General Council of Medical Education, that, 'Where it is necessary, the creation of special Boards of Examiners in Arts in connection with the licensing corporations,' and, with this view, they recommend that such a board should be created in connection with this College.

"With respect to preparation to commence the study of Medicine and Surgery, it is recommended that, to make it effectual for that purpose, it will be necessary to reject all certificates of professional study pursued previously to the date of certificates of sufficient preliminary education. They submit that, however beneficial general education, conducted concurrently with professional education, may be, it is essentially requisite that the student should possess the information necessary to enable him to pursue his Medical studies successfully before he commences that undertaking.

"A. JACOB, *Chairman*.

"May 14, 1860."

At the same meeting, it was proposed by Dr. Jacob; seconded by Dr. Porter, and resolved—

"That this Report be received, adopted, and forwarded to Mr. Williams for presentation to the General Council of Education, in compliance with the request of Mr. Hawkins, the Registrar."

#### POOR RELIEF AMENDMENT BILL.

At the meeting of Council, held on 11th June, 1860, it was proposed by Dr. Beatty; seconded by Dr. Pentland, and resolved—

"That a petition be presented to Parliament, praying that, in any legislative enactment respecting the sick poor of Ireland, the interests and usefulness of the County Infirmaries shall be maintained."



At the same meeting it was also resolved—

"That the following gentlemen constitute a Committee to draw up a petition to the foregoing effect, viz. :—

"Mr. PORTER,

"Dr. JACOB,

"Dr. PENTLAND,

"Mr. SMYLY."

At the same meeting letters were read from Drs. Mackesy, Brunker, Darby, and Shannon, which now lie on the table, on the subject of the Poor Relief Amendment Bill, since which that Bill has been withdrawn by its promoters.

In accordance with the resolution of the 11th June, the committee appointed for the purpose brought up the following petition on the 15th of June, which was adopted, signed by the President, and forwarded to Sir E. Grogan, Bart., M.P. for the city of Dublin, for presentation to the House of Commons :—

*"To the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses in Parliament assembled.*

"The Petition of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

"HUMBLY SHOWETH—

"That in the opinion of many persons intimately connected with the county infirmaries of Ireland, who have given their attention to the subject, the Poor Law Amendment Bill, now before your honourable House, will, if passed into a law in its present form, have the effect of injuring these institutions by interfering with their means of support.

"That these institutions, always officered by surgeons of sound education and great practical attainments, have, during a long series of years, conferred great and substantial benefits on the localities in which they are situated, by the prompt and efficient relief they afford in cases of serious accident and disease.

"That, without presuming to offer any opinion as to the assumed inadequacy of hospital relief in Ireland, or the necessity that may exist for

extending it more widely, your petitioners submit there can exist no doubt of the benefits conferred by the county infirmaries wherever their influence has extended.

“ That your petitioners, therefore, humbly pray that, previous to the passing of the proposed Bill, such alteration may be made in it, or such clause introduced, as will effectually protect the interests of these institutions, and preserve their efficiency unimpaired.

“ And your petitioners will ever pray.

“ ROBERT ADAMS,

“ *President of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.*”

Sir Edward Grogan, with his usual regard to the best interests of the College, lost no time in presenting the foregoing petition to the House of Commons, as will be seen by the following letter :—

“ CARLTON CLUB,

“ *London, 18th June, 1860.*

“ DEAR SIR,—

“ I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and of the petition from the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland, against the Poor Law Amendment Bill, now before Parliament, and to say that I presented the petition to the House this day.

“ I remain, dear sir,

“ Your's faithfully,

“ EDWARD GROGAN.

“ DR. JAMES STANNUS HUGHES, &c.”

THE REGIUS PROFESSORSHIP OF MILITARY SURGERY.

At the meeting of Council, held on the 15th June, 1860, the following letter was read and ordered to be placed on the minutes :—



"ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS, and

"*Dublin, June 13th, 1860.*

"SIR,—

"I have the honour to inform you that I have this day received an official notification from the Right Hon. the Secretary of State for War intimating that, in consequence of the Central School of Military Surgery in England being now complete, the Regius Professorship in Ireland will cease to be entertained after the 30th instant. I cannot relinquish the high position which it has been my privilege now for some years to hold in the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland without a feeling of very deep regret; and, in officially taking leave of the President and Council, I would beg to express, through you, to them, individually and collectively, my sense of the courtesy and kindness which I have invariably received at their hands; and I trust that my efforts to discharge the duties of the chair (over which I have had the honour to preside) in a straightforward manner may have met with their approval.

"I have the honour to be, sir,

"Your obedient humble servant,

"JOLLIFFE TUFNELL,

"*Regius Professor of Military Surgery, Royal College of  
Surgeons, Ireland.*

"J. S. HUGHES, Esq., *Secretary to Council,  
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.*"

Resolved—"That this Council receives with great regret the intimation conveyed to them by Professor Tufnell of the termination of his official connection with the school of this College, and that they cannot allow the opportunity to escape of placing on record their opinion of the highly efficient and creditable manner in which he has discharged his duties as Regius Professor of Military Surgery, and that their Secretary (Dr. Hughes) be requested to forward to Professor Tufnell a copy of this resolution."

TRINITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

In reference to the position of this College to Trinity College, Dublin, the Council have further to report that they took the opinion of James Lawson, Esq., Q.C., on the legality of registering the Undergraduate

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License in Surgery of Trinity College, Dublin. A copy of the case submitted to Mr. Lawson, as well as his opinion thereon, now lie on the table.

VOTE OF THANKS TO DR. MITCHELL.

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

"That this Council do request of their Professor of Botany, Dr. Mitchell, to be good enough to continue to their termination the course of lectures on Materia Medica that he was kind enough to undertake on behalf and at the request of our late much lamented professor, Dr. Williams."

118 STEPHEN'S-GREEN,

Dublin, 24th July, 1860.

GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour to inform you that I have brought to its close the course of lectures on the Materia Medica, which I had undertaken in May last, at the request of your late professor, and which I continued in accordance with the resolution of your Council, dated 28th of June last.

I have the honour to remain

Your's obedient,

A. MITCHELL, M.D.

The President and Council of the Royal College of Surgeon

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND,

Dublin, August 8, 1860.

SIR,—

I have been directed by the President and Council to express to you their warm thanks and high approval of the very efficient manner in which you were good enough to conduct to their termination the course



of lectures on *Materia Medica* left unfinished by the untimely death of their late ever to be lamented professor, Dr. Robert Carlisle Williams.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your very obedient servant,

JAMES STANNUS HUGHES,

*Secretary of Council.*

To ARTHUR MITCHELL, Esq., M.D., *Professor of Botany,*  
*Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.*

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE COLLEGE.

At a meeting of Council, held on the 27th July, 1860, it was proposed by D. Beatty; seconded by Dr. Jacob, and resolved:—

“That a bye-law should be passed, declaring that Licentiates of the College, who had obtained Letters Testimonial previous to the date of the Supplemental Charter, may be admitted to the Fellowship by the Council if they pass a special examination, confined to the practice of Surgery only.”

At a meeting of Council, held on the 17th of August, it was moved by Dr. Jacob; seconded by Dr. Beatty, and resolved, “That the following bye law be now read and taken into the consideration of the Council at their next meeting, to be held on Friday, the 7th of September.”

“All Licentiates who were eligible or admissible to the rank of Fellowship at the date of the Supplemental Charter (January 4th, 1844) shall be eligible and admissible to such rank if they shall have passed such special examination in the practice of Surgery as the Council shall, from time to time, think fit and direct; and if they shall have gone through a longer and more extended course of study by actual practice than other Licentiates.”

By order,

JAMES STANNUS HUGHES, M.D.,

SECRETARY TO THE COUNCIL.

August 17th, 1860.

of lectures on Materia Medica left unfinished by the untimely death of their late ever to be lamented professor, Dr. Robert Carlisle Williams.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

JAMES STANNUS HUGHES

Secretary of Council

To Arthur Mitchell, Esq. M.D. Professor of Botany,  
Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE COLLEGE.

At a meeting of Council, held on the 27th July, 1860, it was proposed by Dr. Beatty, seconded by Dr. Jacob, and resolved:—

"That the law should be passed, declaring that Licentiate of the College who had obtained Licentiate Testimonial previous to the date of the Supplemental Charter may be admitted to the Fellowship by the Council if they pass a special examination, confined to the practice of surgery only."

At a meeting of Council, held on the 17th of August, it was moved by Dr. Jacob, seconded by Dr. Beatty, and resolved, "That the following proposal be now read and taken into the consideration of the Council at their next meeting, to be held on Friday, the 7th of September."

"All Licentiate who were eligible or admissible to the rank of Fellowship at the date of the Supplemental Charter (January 4th, 1844) shall be eligible and admissible to such rank if they shall have passed a special examination in the practice of Surgery, as the Council shall, from time to time think fit and direct; and if they shall have gone through a longer and more extended course of study by actual practice than other Licentiate."

By order,

JAMES STANNUS HUGHES, M.D.

Secretary to the Council.

August 17th, 1860.





# Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

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## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL,

PRESENTED AT THE

Periodical Meeting of the College,

IN JANUARY, 1861.

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THE Council have to report that, since the last meeting of the College, which took place on the 3rd of September, 1860, they held eight meetings.

### DEATH OF SIR HENRY MARSH, M.D., BART.

The Council having heard with deep regret of the death of the late Sir Henry Marsh, Bart., it was resolved, at a special meeting of Council, held on December 4th, 1860 :—

That the President, Council, Fellows, and Licentiates of the College be requested to attend his funeral, on Thursday morning next, the 6th inst., at 8 o'clock, when his remains will be removed from Merrion-square to Mount Jerome Cemetery, Harold's-cross.

At a meeting of Council, held on the 7th September, 1860, the following letter was read, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes :—

*War Office,*  
August 31st, 1860.

SIR—

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Herbert to request you to submit to the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons the desire of her Majesty's Government to retain, for the use of the medical officers of the army quartered in Ireland, the private dissecting-room which was so liberally placed at their disposal by the Council at the request of Lord Panmure, when Secretary of State for War.

Although the appointment of Regius Professor of Military Surgery in Ireland has been discontinued in consequence of the establishment of the new Army Medical School at Chatham, Mr. Herbert is of opinion that the retention of the dissecting-room would be of advantage to the public service. I am to add that, in the event of the Council being enabled to accede to this request, Mr. Herbert will readily sanction the necessary expense (amounting, he understands, to about £10 or £12 per annum) for keeping the room in proper order, &c.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

EDWARD LUGARD.

The President of the Royal College  
of Surgeons, Ireland.

To the foregoing letter the Secretary was instructed to reply as follows, viz. :—

*Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland,*  
Dublin, September 10th, 1860.

SIR—

I am directed by the President and Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ult., and, in reply, to state, for the information of Mr. Secretary Herbert, that this College has, from its earliest date, afforded the officers of her Majesty's army every facility for the performance of dissections and attendance on the various courses of lectures



delivered by the Professors in Anatomy and Surgery, as well as the collateral sciences, which system the President and Council will, with great pleasure, have continued as heretofore, without entailing any expense on her Majesty's Government.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES STANNUS HUGHES,

Edward Lugard, Esq.,  
War Office.

*Sec. to Council.*

To the foregoing letter the following answer was received :—

*War Office,*

14th September, 1860.

SIR—

I have laid before the Secretary of State for War your letter of the 10th inst., in which you state that the President and Council will continue to afford every facility to the medical officers of her Majesty's army for the performance of dissections and for their attendance at the various courses of lectures delivered by the professors.

In reply I am to request that you will convey to the President and Council an expression of Mr. Herbert's thanks for the readiness with which they have complied with his wishes.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

EDWARD LUGARD,

J. S. Hughes, Esq., M.D.,

*Major-Gen.*

Secretary to the Council of the

Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland.

At a meeting of Council, held on the 12th of October, a letter was read from Dr. Mackesy to the President "relative to the Fellows of the College being obliged *personally* to attend at the meetings of the College to record votes, and suggesting that such measures, as may be deemed necessary, should be taken for enabling the Fellows, residing above 25 miles from Dublin, to record their votes without personal attendance."

At a meeting of Council, held on November 2nd, Mr. Porter gave notice that he would, on the next day of meeting, call the attention of the Council to the recommendations of the General Council, with reference to the appointment of a Special Board of Arts.

At a meeting of Council, held on November 16th, it was proposed by Dr. Jacob, seconded by Dr. Hargrave, and resolved :—

That Mr. Porter's motion be referred to a committee to report thereon, and that the committee do consist of Messrs. Porter, Jacob, Ledwich, Labatt, and Power.

At the same meeting (September 7th) the following Bye-law having been moved by Dr. Jacob, and seconded by Mr. Barker, was adopted, viz. :—

All Licentiates who were eligible or admissible to the rank of Fellowship at the date of the Supplemental Charter (January 4, 1844), shall be eligible and admissible to such rank if they shall have passed such special examination in the practice of surgery as the Council shall, from time to time, think fit and direct, and if they shall have gone through a longer and more extended course of study, by actual practice, than other Licentiates.

The Secretary was requested to have the foregoing Bye-law engrossed, signed by the President, and forwarded to Sir G. C. Lewis, Bart., Secretary of State, for the approval of her Majesty, in accordance with the provisions of the charter.

At a meeting of Council, on the 7th December, 1860, the following Report was read and adopted :—

*Report of a Committee, appointed on the 16th November, 1860, to consider the following motion proposed by Professor Porter, and to recommend such course to be pursued respecting the same as may appear to them advisable :—*

“That he would, on the next day of meeting, call the attention of the Council to the recommendations of the General Council of Education and Registration with reference to the appointment of a Special Board of Examiners in Arts.”



Your Committee having examined the resolutions adopted by the General Council of Medical Education, on the 23rd of June last, find it is therein declared that the Council "are of opinion that it is desirable that all students pass an examination in general education before they commence their professional studies," and that such examination shall be in every case conducted by a Special Board of Examiners in Arts.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that such a special board be appointed by the Council, composed of three members, well qualified to discharge the duty required, not being members of Council, or teachers in any department of medical instruction.

They also recommend that persons not of the medical profession, as well as Fellows of the College, shall be eligible as members of this Board; and that the best qualified candidates for the office be selected.

They recommend also that the Council shall not appoint this Board until the General Council enforce a uniform system of examination in arts, to be adopted by all licensing bodies, and until they do so the examination for registration, as pupils of the College, and for matriculation, shall be conducted as at present.

At a meeting of the Council, held on the 20th December, 1860, the following letters were read, and ordered to be placed on the minutes:—

47, *Lady-lane, Waterford*,  
Tuesday, December 18th, 1860.

DEAR SIR,

The expectation generally entertained that, in any new measure for Parliamentary reform Lord John Russell may introduce in the next Session of Parliament, the electoral powers and the representation of the educated classes will be extended, encourages the hope that his lordship and her Majesty's Government will recognise the strong claims of the medical profession for Parliamentary representation, I beg leave to suggest to your having Parliamentary medical representation included in the

report of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland that will be submitted to the next periodical meeting of the College, to afford an opportunity of having this very important subject fully considered and discussed.

I have the honour to be,

Yours ever faithfully,

THOMAS L. MACKESY.

To the President Royal College  
of Surgeons.

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*Whitehall,*

17th December, 1860.

SIR,

I am directed by Secretary Sir George Lewis to acquaint you, for the information of the President and Council of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, that he has been in communication with the Government in Ireland on the subject of the Bye-law transmitted for approval in your letter of the 10th September last, and that a case has been submitted to the law officers of the Crown, who have given it as their opinion that the proposed Bye-law would materially interfere with the operation of Clause 16 of the Supplemental Charter, and would authorise admission to the rank of Fellowship persons unauthorized by the provisions of that charter, and that they do not think that the Bye-law can be recommended for approval by the Queen.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. WADDINGTON.

James Stannus Hughes, Esq., M.D.,  
Secretary to the Council of the Royal  
College of Surgeons, Dublin.

At the same meeting a letter was read from Dr. McClintock, Master of the Lying-in Hospital, Dublin, recommending—

*Firstly*—"That every student should be obliged, in conjunction with practical midwifery, to attend a course of clinical lectures, numbering at least fifty in the course, to be delivered by the obstetrician under whose superintendence he takes out his practice.



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*Secondly*—"That it should be required of all students to attend a full systematic course of not less than seventy-five lectures upon midwifery and the diseases peculiar to women and children, in a recognized school of medicine and surgery; and, if possible, it should be further enjoined that the student shall have *completed* this course before *entering* upon the subject of practical midwifery."

By order,

JAMES STANNUS HUGHES,

*Secretary to the Council.*

*December 20th, 1860.*

...That it should be required of all students to attend  
a full systematic course of not less than twenty five lectures upon  
mineralogy and the diseases resulting to women and children, in a  
recognized school of medicine and surgery; and if possible  
it should be further required that the student shall have completed  
this course before entering upon the subject of practical min-  
eralogy.

By Order  
JAMES STANNIS HUGHES

Secretary to the Council.

December 30th, 1899.





# Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

## REPORT OF COUNCIL,

PRESENTED AT THE

PERIODICAL MEETING OF THE COLLEGE, IN SEPTEMBER,

1861.

THE Council have to report that, since the last general meeting of the College, which took place on the 3rd day of June, their attention has been specially directed to the following questions, involving the interests and respectability of the Surgical Profession in Ireland, namely—

Firstly—*Medical Ethics.*

Secondly—*The appointment of unqualified persons as Medical Attendants to the Constabulary Force of Ireland.*

Thirdly—*Preliminary and Professional Education.*

### MEDICAL ETHICS.

At a meeting of Council, held on 5th July, it was resolved—

“That a Committee, consisting of the President, Vice-President, Drs. Jacob, Beatty, Irvine, Barker, Fleming, and Ledwich, be now formed

for taking the memorial\* respecting Professional Ethics (presented by 20 Fellows of the College, on 5th April) into consideration, and to draw up fixed laws for the guidance and directions of the Fellows and Licentiates of the College, in accordance with the suggestions of the memorial; and that the Committee be empowered to confer with the College of Physicians on the subject."

The foregoing Committee presented the following report to the Council, on the 19th July:—

*Report of a Committee, appointed by the Council on the 5th July, 1861, to consider a Memorial, presented by twenty Fellows of the College, to the President and Council, praying that "steps be taken to provide fixed laws for the punishment of any of their body found to act in a glaringly unprofessional manner, or who offend by meeting in consultation persons who practice Homœopathy or other forms of quackery, or who seek for business through the medium of public advertisements."*

"Your Committee having carefully considered the Charters of the College, are of opinion that they contain ample powers to enable the Council to make bye-laws, ordinances, and regulations for inflicting upon all and every delinquent or offender, whether apprentice, pupil, member, or Licentiate, such reasonable pains, penalties, and punishments, by censure, suspension, amotion, or fine, as to them shall seem meet.

"They find, however, that no bye-laws, ordinances, or regulations have been made for the punishment of delinquents who pretend to cure diseases by the deception called Homœopathy, or by the practices called Mesmerism, or any other form of quackery, or who seek for business through the medium of public advertisements; they therefore recommend that such an ordinance, rule, or regulation be forthwith enacted.

"Your Committee suggest that the following form of ordinance be adopted, and, if enacted, that a copy of the same be transmitted to every Fellow and Licentiate of the College.

#### " ORDINANCE.

"No Fellow or Licentiate of the College shall pretend or profess to cure diseases by the deception called Homœopathy, or the practices called

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\* For the memorial referred to see last Annual Report of the Council.



Mesmerism, or by any other form of quackery, neither shall they or any of them seek for business through the medium of advertisements, or by any other disreputable method. It is also hereby ordained, that no Fellow or Licentiate of the College shall consult with, meet, advise, direct, or assist any person engaged in such deceptions or practices, or in any system or practice considered derogatory or dishonourable by physicians and surgeons.

“THOMAS L. MACKESY, Chairman.”

At the same meeting it was resolved—

“That the above report be accepted, and acted on.”

At a meeting of Council, held on August 2nd, the foregoing ordinance was passed.

#### MEDICAL ATTENDANTS TO THE POLICE FORCE OF IRELAND.

The attention of the President and Council having been directed by one of the Licentiates of the College to the fact, that an apothecary, who is not registered on the General Register as a surgeon, has been appointed by the authorities as medical attendant to the police force of a district in Ireland, your Council authorized their Secretary to forward the following letter to the Inspector-General of the Police Force :—

*Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland,*  
Dublin, July 20th, 1861.

Sir—

The attention of the Council having been called by Mr. Richard D. Nicolls, a Licentiate of this College, to the fact that an apothecary has been appointed as surgical attendant to the police force of Navan, I am directed to inquire whether the office referred to requires the discharge of surgical duties, inasmuch as the Licentiates of the Apothecaries' Company are neither qualified nor registered as surgeons.

I have the honour to remain, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES STANNUS HUGHES, M.D.,

Secretary to the Council.

To Sir H. J. Brownrig, C.B.,

Inspector-General Police Force of Ireland.

In reply to the foregoing the following answer was received :—

*Constabulary Office, Dublin Castle,*  
23rd July, 1861.

Sir—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., and, in reply, to inform you that the qualifications and professional character of the medical attendant at Navan are considered by the Inspector-General of a sufficiently satisfactory nature to ensure the necessary and competent attention to the requirements of the constabulary in that district.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS ESMOND,  
Assistant Inspector-General.

J. S. Hughes, Esq., M.D.,  
Secretary to the Council Royal  
College of Surgeons.

At a meeting of Council, held on the 2nd of August, it was resolved—

“That the following gentlemen, viz., the President, Drs. Jacob, Hutton, and Hargrave, do form a committee to inquire into the appointment of an apothecary as medical attendant to the police force.”

The above Committee are still corresponding with the Authorities.

#### PRELIMINARY AND PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION.

At a meeting of Council, held on July 19th, it was resolved :—

“That a Committee, consisting of the following gentlemen, viz., William Jameson, President; Arthur Jacob, William Hargrave, William Colles, Hamilton Labatt, Maurice H. Collis, Edward Ledwich, and Christopher Fleming, be appointed to prepare, for publication, the resolutions on education, as agreed to by the General Council of Medical Education and Registration.”

The subjects of Preliminary and Professional Education are still under the consideration of the foregoing Committee.



## DEATH OF DR. KINGSLEY.

At a meeting of Council, held on the 5th of July, it was resolved—

“That in recording with sincere and deep regret the death of Dr. William Kingsley, Fellow of this College, which took place at Roscrea, on the 22nd ult., in the 69th year of his age, the Council feel constrained to express their deep sense of the loss which the profession and the public at large have sustained. Ever amongst the foremost in promoting the interests of his professional brethren, Dr. Kingsley's high and honourable principles, his consistent life, and his active benevolence, combined to render him one of the greatest ornaments of his profession.”

## FEES TO THE REGISTRAR OF THE COLLEGE.

At the same meeting it was resolved—

“That Licentiates of the College are bound, by immemorial custom and usage, to pay a fee of one guinea to the Registrar of the College on receipt of their Letters Testimonial.”

## THE BOOKEY LOAN.

Your Council having considered it advisable, with a view to obtaining a higher rate of interest than could be drawn from the Funds, to lend £10,000 on a mortgage, and a proposal having been made on the part of Mr. Bookey, of the counties Wicklow and Carlow, to borrow the same at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  per cent., instructions were given to the solicitor of the College to adopt the necessary proceedings for ascertaining the sufficiency of the security, and the result proving satisfactory to James Lawson, Esq., Q.C., and Mr. Johnson, the counsel employed on the part of the College, the loan was completed.

## CHAIR OF SURGERY.

At a meeting of the College, held on June 14th, Dr. John Hatch Power was elected to the Professorship of Surgery in the College, in room of the late Professor William Henry Porter.

At a meeting of Council, held on July 5th, it was resolved—

“That no Professor of Anatomy in the College School shall be authorized to engage in the business of private instruction of candidates for the Fellowship or Letters Testimonial of the College.”

#### CHAIR OF ANATOMY.

At a meeting of the College, held on 3rd August, Dr. John Morgan was elected to the Professorship of Anatomy in the College, in room of Professor Power, resigned.

By order,

JAMES STANNUS HUGHES, M.D.,

*Secretary to Council.*

August 16th, 1861.





# Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

## REPORT OF COUNCIL,

PRESENTED AT THE

PERIODICAL MEETING OF THE COLLEGE,

IN JANUARY, 1862.

### MEDICAL ETHICS.

At a meeting of Council, held on the 24th September, the Secretary of Council read a letter, addressed to him by Dr. E. Vaughan, of Keny-sham, Bath, a Licentiate of this College, inquiring whether the Council had taken any steps with respect to a Licentiate of the College who is an avowed practitioner of homœopathy in London. Dr. Vaughan's letter and the answer thereto lie on the table.

At a meeting of Council, held on October 4th, the Secretary of Council read a letter, addressed to him by Dr. Thomas S. Palmer, one of the Licentiates of the College, respecting the Ordinance of the 19th of July, 1861. Dr. Palmer's letter, together with the answer thereto, and further correspondence on the subject, now lie on the table.

At a meeting of Council, held on November 1st, a letter was read by the Secretary of Council, addressed to him by Dr. A. Guinness, of Reading, a Licentiate of the College, regarding the Ordinance of the 19th of July, 1861. Dr. Guinness's letter and the reply thereto now lie on the table.

#### REGISTRATION OF MEDICAL STUDENTS.

At a meeting of Council, held on October 11th, the following Ordinance (based on a Report of the Education Committee, brought up on the 30th of August, 1861, copies of which are placed on the table), was passed, viz.:—

“That in accordance with the recommendations of the General Council, a Register for Students, *commencing their studies*, shall be opened in the College, on Monday, the 4th of November, the first day of the Winter Session; and that it shall remain open for fifteen days.

“That the Registrar of the College shall, within seven days after the close of such Registry, transmit a copy of such Register to the Registrar of the Branch Council for Medical Education in Ireland.

“That such Register shall contain the name of the person registered—his date of birth—his place of birth—his present residence—the date of his registration—his place of study—the body registering him—and his examination in arts, with its date.

✓ “That no Student beginning professional study this Session shall be so registered who has not passed the Examination in Arts or Classics required by this College as qualification from candidates for Letters Testimonial, or a similar examination by any of the Licensing Bodies enumerated in the Medical Act.

“That to carry into effect the recommendation of the Medical Council, that *all* Medical Students be required to be registered, the Professors of the School of the College and the Lecturers or Teachers of all unchartered Schools recognized by the College in Ireland, shall be required to transmit



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to the Registrar of the College a List of all Students who have entered for, and are in attendance on, lectures, on or before the 18th day of November, being within fifteen days of the commencement of the Session."

At the same meeting it was further resolved—

"That a Committee, composed of the following members of Council, be appointed to carry into effect the rules for the Registration of Students, viz.:—The President, the Secretary of the College, Dr. Jacob, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Colles, Mr. Collis, and Mr. Ledwich."

"That the ordinances now passed and agreed to, in reference to the Registration of Medical Students, be circulated in all the Schools and Hospitals; also to be published in the newspapers."

#### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION.

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

"That the Education Committee, appointed on the 15th of October, be allowed to sit again, in order to consider the Recommendations of the General Medical Council respecting the Professional Education of candidates for Letters Testimonial."

"That the Education Committee take into consideration the appointment of a Special Court of Examiners to examine candidates for registration as to their Preliminary Education."

At a meeting of Council, held on December 6th, a letter was read from Dr. Steele, Registrar of the Branch Council of Medical Education and Registration for Ireland, asking to be furnished with the names of the Special Board of Examiners in Arts, appointed by this College; and also requesting to be furnished with the subjects laid down for examination, in order that he might lay them before the General Council for approval.

The Secretary was directed to forward the following reply to Dr. Steele's letter:—

*Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland,*  
Dublin, December 6th, 1861.

Sir—

Having laid your letter of the 6th instant before the Council, at their meeting held this day, I have been directed to inform you that the Council of this College will lay the names of the Special Board of Examiners in Arts asked for before the Branch Council previous to their next meeting.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES STANNUS HUGHES, M.D.,  
Secretary to the Council.

William Steele, Esq., M.D.,  
Registrar Branch Council for Ireland.

#### BOARD OF ARTS.

At the same meeting, the Education Committee having laid a Second Report on the table respecting the formation of a Board of Arts, it was resolved—

“That the Second Report\* of the Education Committee be received, and taken into consideration at the next meeting of Council.”

At the same meeting it was resolved—

“That Recommendation No. 23 of the General Council of Medical Education and Registration, viz. :—(‘That returns from the Licensing Bodies, under Schedule (A), be made annually, on the 1st of January, to the General Medical Council, stating the number and names of the candidates who have passed their respective examinations, and the numbers of those who have been registered’)—be complied with.”

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\* This report is still under the consideration of your Council.



## MARBLE BUSTS OF THE LATE DRS. CUSACK AND PORTER.

At a meeting of Council, held on October 11th, it was resolved that marble busts of the late lamented James William Cusack and William Henry Porter be placed in the hall of the College.

The Finance Committee having been empowered to obtain same, have given instructions for their execution to Mr. Kirk, the eminent sculptor.

## DEATH OF THE PRINCE CONSORT.

The Council having been summoned to attend a meeting on December 20th, immediately adjourned, without transacting business, after passing the following resolution, viz. :—

“ That the feeling of sorrow and regret which pervades this Council, in consequence of the irreparable loss sustained by her Majesty and her subjects of all classes from the death of his Royal Highness the Prince Consort, demands an adjournment of this meeting ; and it is, therefore, now adjourned.”

It is also resolved—“ That this melancholy event being a National calamity, and to such institutions as this College especially, a great misfortune, the feeling now expressed by the Council, on the part of the Fellows of the College, shall be duly recorded in the minutes of its proceedings.”

By order,

JAMES STANNUS HUGHES, M.D.,

*Secretary to Council.*

December 20th, 1861.

At a meeting of Council, held on October 11th, it was resolved that  
marble busts of the late lamented James William Cusack and William  
Henry Porter be placed in the hall of the College.

The Finance Committee having been empowered to obtain same, have  
given instructions for their execution to Mr. Kirk, the eminent sculptor.

DEATH OF THE LATE GEORGE.

The Council having been summoned to attend a meeting on Decem-  
ber 30th, immediately adjourned, without transacting business after  
passing the following resolution, viz:—

"That the feeling of sorrow and regret which pervades this Council  
in consequence of the irreparable loss sustained by her Majesty's and her  
subjects of all classes from the death of his Royal Highness the Prince  
Consort, demands an adjournment of this meeting; and it is therefore  
now adjourned."

It is also resolved—"That this magnificent event being a National  
calamity, and to such institutions as this College especially, a great mis-  
fortune, the feeling now expressed by the Council, on the part of the  
Fellows of the College, shall be duly recorded in the minutes of its pro-  
ceedings."

By order,

JAMES STANUS HUGHES, M.D.

Secretary to Council.

December 30th, 1861.