



Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

THE Council have to report that, since their election on the 6th of June, 1853, they have held 22 meetings, at which the number of attendances of each member of Council was as follows :

	MEETINGS.
The President, Wm. Hargrave, attended	.. 20
The Vice-President, Charles Benson,	.. 22
Sir Philip Crampton,	.. 6
Alexander Read,	.. 11
Arthur Jacob,	.. 21
Thomas E. Beatty,	.. 19
Andrew Ellis,	.. 17
Robert C. Williams,	.. 13
Robert Adams,	.. 13
James Barker,	.. 19
William Colles,	.. 18
John H. Power,	.. 19
John Macdonnell,	.. 19
Hans Irvine,	.. 17
James S. Hughes,	.. 12
Edward Hutton,	.. 18
Robert Pentland,	.. 13
Samuel G. Wilmot,	.. 13
Richard G. H. Butcher,	.. 21
Augustus E. Tabuteau,	.. 16
Robert Mayne,	.. 15

The Council have to report, that three Candidates were admitted to the Fellowship, and 72 gentlemen received Letters Testimonial during the year. Three Licentiates obtained the Diploma in Midwifery. Four Fellows and Five Licentiates died since the date of the last report, and the entire number now upon the Lists of the College amounts to 416 Fellows and 817 Licentiates.

The Council beg leave to submit an Abstract of the Income and Expenditure of the College for the year ending 5th April, 1854, and they place upon the table a detailed account of the particulars of Receipts and Disbursements during that period.

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ABSTRACT of the Totals of Income and Expenditure under

Income.

To Balance from Accounts ending 5th April, 1853,	£1117	11	10
Fees on Registration of 62 Pupils,	..	325	15	0	
Ditto on Matriculation of 28 ditto,	..	7	0	0	
Fees from 73 Candidates for Letters Testimonial and three ditto for Fellowship,	..	1590	15	0	
Dividend on £1000 $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. Stock, half-year to 8th April,	..	16	5	0	
Ditto on £1500 ditto, half-year to 14th October,	..	23	13	3	
Interest on Brinkley's Mortgage, half-year 1st May,		200	0	0	
Ditto on ditto, half-year to 1st November, being £5 16 8 less than £200, deducted for Income Tax,	..	194	3	4	
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CARMICHAEL FUND.

DR.		28th April, 1853.	CR.
To lodged in Bank to credit of College by Executor of the late R. Carmichael,	£3407 1 1	By paid for £2974 5 0 principal invested in 3 per cent. Consols,	3000 0 0
		By paid for £297 8 6 do.	300 0 0
		Balance down,	107 1 1
			£3407 1 1
To Cash, balance down,	£107 1 1	By paid for Advertisements,	£42 16 7
Interest to July, 1853,	47 12 10	Costs, ...	17 7 2
Do. to Jan., 1854.	47 12 11	Stationery, ...	1 3 6
			£61 7 3
		Balance,	140 19 7
	£202 6 10		£202 6 10

£3475 3 5

each head, from 6th April, 1853, to 5th April, 1854.

Expenditure.

Incidents,	£585 1 0
This is composed of Fuel, Candles and Soap, Gaslight, Printing and Stationery, Painting, Glazing, Repairs, Servants' Clothing, &c.	
Taxes,	186 12 4
Library,	102 13 6
Museum, including gratuities to Curator, ..	127 19 0
School,	141 2 5
Insurance of Premises against Fire.	29 5 0
Surgical Society,	20 4 3
Remuneration to Examiners,	275 12 6
Repaid one Candidate for Letters Testimonial, who had been rejected,	21 0 0
Ditto one ditto who withdrew,	21 0 0
Ditto one ditto who had overpaid,	5 5 0
Secretary of Council, for expenses in London while employed on business of the College,	19 19 0
Expenses of Deputation to London on ditto ...	104 9 0
Purchase of £500 $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent Stock,	507 5 3
Bust of the late Richard Carmichael,	126 0 0
Silver Mace for the College,	110 0 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
Retiring allowance to Dr. Hart, from 1st Sept., 1853,	37 10 0
Wages of House Servants,	135 3 0
Superannuation allowance to Christopher Dixon, late dissecting-room Porter,	31 10 0
Total amount of Expenditure from 6th April, 1853, to 5th April, 1854,	£2857 3 3
Balance to credit of College, 5th April, 1854,	618 0 2

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It will be observed that since the date of the last report the Council have invested £501 5s. in $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. stock, and that the funded property of the College now amounts to £1500.

The Council have to report that 25 Journals and 55 other works, in all 105 volumes, have been added to the Library during the year; also that upwards of 200 volumes of plates, journals, and other books have been bound. A Catalogue of the newly purchased Books is laid upon the table.

The following report from the Curator of the Museum is submitted to the College:—

"Museum Department,

"April 29th, 1854.

"MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN,

"Agreeable to the ordinance of the Council, it becomes my duty to furnish for your information a detailed statement of the duties performed in the Museum department of the College during the past year.

"I have accordingly to state, that since the 8th of May, 1853, 40 new Anatomical preparations, 9 Pathological, and 8 drawings have been added to the collection, and that 247 old preparations have been re-put up, in addition to which the whole of the preparations and casts in the Pathological Museum have been cleansed and arranged; this arrangement became necessary, as the collection had previously been removed, to allow the cleansing and painting of the Museum to be proceeded with.

"Having obtained a satisfactory estimate, with a view to complete the labelling of the preparations in the Museum, and thereby rendering their contents more available to students and others visiting this department for scientific research, up to the present my progress in this respect has been necessarily slow, from the fact of a great number of the preparations not being included in your present catalogue. The labelling during the past year has extended from A a 1, of your Anatomical Museum, to A b 712.

"For the better keeping of the drawings made in and presented to the Museum a case has been provided.

"Among the valuable additions made during the period of which this report takes cognizance, is a cast of a Plesiosaurus, taken under my immediate superintendence from the original, the property of Sir Philip Crampton, Bart., together with a beautiful specimen of the Cervus Magaeros. This latter skeleton replaces the skeleton which, by the direction of your Museum Committee, was forwarded to the Honorable East India Company's Museum, to give more space in section E of your Anatomical Museum. For these additions it became necessary to remove the large skeletons from their former positions to those they at present occupy. While such was being carried out, I deemed it advisable to replace some of the iron work in the skeleton of the Diodon.

"At the suggestion of Members of the Council and with the sanction of the Museum Committee, it became my duty to render the Museum as attractive as possible during the late visit of His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant,

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Dropped front of Sir James
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upon which occasion His Excellency expressed great satisfaction at the appearance of the Museum, and took special interest in the examination of many specimens contained therein.

"I beg to report that the Students in Comparative Anatomy and Natural History appointed by the Council, with a view to carry out Sir James McGrigor's communications to the College, dated 20th February, 1846, and 1st April, 1847, as also Sir William Burnett's, dated 4th December, 1846, have been instructed by me in these branches and have made reasonable progress.

"The following gentlemen have contributed to the Museum during the past year, viz:—Professor Hargrave, President, Sir Philip Crampton, Bart., Sir Francis Hopkins, Bart., R. Ball, Esq., LL.D., J. Delmege, Esq., Co. Limerick, Professors Beatty, Power, and Geoghegan, C. Fleming, Esq., M. D., A. Carte, Esq., M. D., O'Bryen Bellingham, Esq., M. D., Henry Head, Esq., M. D., Professor Benson, Robert Adams, Esq., M.D., and James S. Hughes, Esq., M.D.

"The number of Visitors during the period above specified, including Students was, 3,983, the Museums being open to the public on two days in each week. The growing interest of the members of the profession generally in this department of your College, is sufficiently attested by the fact of the increasing frequency of their visits and by their constant introduction of visitors.

"Generally, I beg to report that the whole of my time has been devoted to the fulfilment of my duties as Curator of the Museum, in the discharge of which office I have deemed it requisite from want of means to pay more attention to the preservation of the collection previously accumulated, than to making additions thereto."

"I have the honor to be,

"Gentlemen,

"Your most obedient servant,

"WILLIAM CARTE, L.R.C.S.I.,
"Curator."

The cleaning and decoration of the College buildings have been continued, and since the last report, the great hall, the principal staircase and lobby, and the exterior of the house have been put into a state of thorough repair and painted. A bust of the late RICHARD CARMICHAEL, executed in marble by Mr. Christopher Moore, has been placed in the great hall.

The attention of the Council has been directed and given to several public matters of importance to the College and to the Surgical profession generally, during the year. In January last, the Council having been informed that some members of the Senate of the Queen's University had it in contemplation to propose to put forward the medical degree of that institution as a qualification in Surgery, a remonstrance was promptly made, and the Council are happy to be able to state, with success. The Senate having ascertained that the proposed step would be contrary to the letter and spirit of

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their own charter, as well as an encroachment upon the privileges of this College, and in direct violation of a pledge given to the Council by the Earl of Clarendon, at the time of the granting of the University Charter, the proposal was withdrawn. In reference to this transaction the Council beg leave to record the following resolution which they passed upon the 3rd of February :—

“Resolved, unanimously—That the best thanks of the Council are due, and are hereby given to Sir Philip Crampton, for the zeal and success with which he defended the interests of this College, when they were threatened by a proposed change in the regulations of the Queen’s University.”

On the 3rd of March, the Council passed the following new Bye-law, which has been duly approved of by the Queen :—

“Candidates for the Letters Testimonial of the College who shall produce certificates from the Council of one of the Queen’s Colleges, that they have passed a full examination in the subjects of study prescribed in the course of Matriculation for Arts, and have been admitted matriculated Students of the College in the Faculty of Medicine, shall be admitted to examination; provided they shall produce the certificates of Surgical education required by the bye-laws of this College; and of such course of education the several certificates of Professors of the Queen’s Colleges, now required by the Senate of the Queen’s University to be produced by Candidates for the degree of Doctor of Medicine, shall be received as part; and also provided, that of the four years during which they shall have been engaged in the acquisition of professional knowledge, two shall have been passed in attendance on Lectures and Hospitals in Dublin, London, or Edinburgh.”

Representations having been repeatedly made to the Council by Fellows and Licentiates of the College, in reference to the condition of Assistant Surgeons in the Royal Navy, the following petition was adopted and presented to the House of Commons by Mr. Grogan, M. P., in July, 1853 :—

“To the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses in Parliament assembled,

“THE PETITION OF THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL OF THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND.

“Humbly sheweth,

“That your petitioners have learned, with regret, that the condition of the Medical Officers of the Royal Navy, (among whom are several Fellows and Licentiates of this College,) is not such as is calculated to permit of their advancing in professional knowledge, or even of their discharging the duties of their office satisfactorily to themselves and advantageously to the public service.

“That your petitioners are aware that your honorable house passed a resolution on the 8th day of April, 1850, to the effect ;—‘ That the accommodation provided for Assistant Surgeons on board Her Majesty’s Ships of war, is inadequate and insufficient for securing the full benefit of their professional services.’

Naval. As Surgeon

"That your petitioners have learned, with sincere regret, that the regulations issued by the Board of Admiralty, since the passing of the aforesaid resolution, have not been conceived in the spirit of, nor have they fulfilled the intention of, the said resolution.

"That your petitioners believe, that the years probation in the Midshipman's berth might be removed, without detriment in any way to the interests of Her Majesty's Navy, and they cannot but feel that the position occupied by the junior Assistant Surgeons is derogatory to their age, rank, and professional acquirements, and precludes the possibility of their engaging in that earnest study so necessary to maintain and advance their knowledge.

"That your petitioners would also respectfully urge on the consideration of your honorable house that, as regards the superior classes of Naval Medical Officers, the recommendation of the Naval and Military Commission, bearing date 26th March, 1840, has only been partially carried out, inasmuch as these officers have not been placed on a footing of equality with their brethren in the Army, as to rank, pay, and retirement, as was intended; and being under the impression that the regulations at present existing tend to effect injuriously the entire Naval Medical service, and also to deter able Surgeons from entering the Navy, your petitioners humbly pray your honorable house to take such steps in the matter as to your wisdom may seem fit."

A petition to the same effect was also adopted and presented to the House of Commons during the present session.

In their last Report the Council informed the College of a correspondence they had opened with the Secretary-at-War, respecting a proposal for the endowment by the Government of a Professorship of Military Surgery in Dublin. Since then, a vote of money to be applied to the carrying out of that project having been adopted by the House of Commons, the Council again offered the co-operation of this College to the Secretary-at-War.

Two projects of legislation for the regulation of the medical profession have been in agitation during the year. One of these was read a second time in the House of Commons, under the title of "The Medical Practitioners' Registration bill," but was subsequently lost upon a division. The other has not been introduced to Parliament, and so far as the Council are aware, has not yet been digested into such a form as would admit of its being considered with advantage. It is in the hands of the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association of England.

In addition to these matters it will be within the cognizance of the College that a select Committee of the House of Commons has been appointed to reconsider the withdrawal of parliamentary grants from certain hospitals in the City of Dublin, and is now sitting.

In connexion with these subjects, it appeared advisable that a careful vigilance should be maintained by the Council, and with that view, a deputation, consisting of the President, Mr. Williams, and the Secretary of Council, proceeded to London early in March, and in the course of their short stay, communicated with the Home Secretary and the Secretary-at-War, as well as with several members of Parliament, and with the autho-

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rities of the College of Surgeons of England, with which body, the Council are happy to be able to state that their relations are of the most friendly description.

It will be in the recollection of the College that an Egyptian Mummy was presented some time since by Sir Francis Hopkins, at the unrolling of which, on the 21st of March, His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant did the College the honor to attend. In reference to this subject, the Council beg leave to submit the following extract from their minutes of the 24th of March:—

"The President reported that the Evening Meeting ordered by the Council for the purpose of unrolling the Mummy presented by Sir Francis Hopkins, had been held on the 21st instant, and was attended by the Lord Lieutenant, and upwards of 400 Fellows and guests, and that His Excellency had expressed himself as much gratified with the proceedings and with the state and appearance of the College as a national Institution.

"Resolved—That the thanks of the Council be given to Dr. Jacob, for the effective manner in which he conducted the unrolling and demonstration of the Mummy upon that occasion."

In the last Annual Report of the Council it was observed—"That upon the acceptance of the Supplemental Charter, a year was allowed within which Licentiates who had passed previous to that date might be admitted to the Fellowship without examination. To that privilege those gentlemen were unquestionably entitled, under the conditions upon which they obtained their Letters Testimonial; but as it was lost by some of them, through absence from the country and other causes, it seems to be no more than an act of justice to endeavour to reinstate them in their former position."—And the Council take this opportunity of again expressing their opinion, that it would be expedient and just to endeavour to obtain power from the Crown to admit to the Fellowship without examination those gentlemen who became Licentiates, previous to the date of the Supplemental Charter of 1844.

The College will observe that the Council have acted upon a provision of the Supplemental Charter and have procured a Silver Mace, which is now upon the table, and which, in accordance with the usage of similar Corporations will, in future, be employed upon all suitable occasions as a symbol of the corporate authority of the College, and to denote its legal and constitutional relation with the Crown of these Realms established by several Royal Charters.

By order of the Council,

H. MAUNSELL,

12th May, 1854.

SECRETARY.

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