

in Medicine and in Surgery, is at present frequently preparing for two and occasionally for three examinations at the same time. The studies for one examination clash, to some extent, with those for another, and under this influence, and that of the want of a practical character in many of the examinations, the student, towards the end of his career, when he ought to be making himself more and more familiar with disease at the bedside, frequently deserts the wards to be "erammed by the grinder."

It is extensively felt by the profession that these great evils, which weigh immediately upon the public good, can only be remedied by a direct resort to the Legislature.

The proposed remedies are threefold:—

1. The first remedy is the strengthening the hands of the General Council, so as to enable them to prescribe the standard of studies and examinations with greater independence, and to regulate the Examining Boards with greater authority.

2. The second remedy is, that the Colleges or Corporations shall be required to unite to form one Examining Board, which shall conduct the minimum examination for licences to practise medicine and surgery, so that instead of several examinations there shall be but one.

3. The third remedy, which embraces the others, is the immediate object of this movement: the direct representation of the medical profession in the General Council of Medical Education.

The various Colleges and Bodies enumerated in Schedule A have been entrusted by the Legislature with the choice of the members of the Council, not to protect their own interests, but with a view to the public good.

It is believed that by the preponderance in the Council of the members so chosen, the public good is to some extent interfered with through the natural bias of those members to study, often unconsciously, the interests of the bodies by whom they were chosen.

The six nominees of the Crown are not sufficient, either in number or in the character of the influence that they derive from the Crown, which is in its nature negative, to control the seventeen members chosen by the Corporations and Universities. What can they do among so many?

If to the Crown nominees were, however, added in the proportion of one in four of the total number, members directly chosen, by means of voting-papers, by the registered medical practitioners of the United Kingdom, it is believed that valuable counterpoise would be afforded to the members chosen by the Corporations.

The value of such representation of the profession in forming a component part of the Medical Council may be thus briefly stated:—

Those representatives would have no interest to serve except that of improving the education and raising the character of their own profession, and so directly promoting the public good.

They would be supported and impelled forward by a large body of men who would not willingly see the continuance of those evils that they so justly desire to have remedied.

They would convey important and immediate information from the body of the profession to those members of the Council chosen by the Corporations or nominated by the Crown.

As a final argument in favour of the direct representation of the medical profession in the General Council, which must tell home to the members of a representative Legislature, the registered medical practitioners of the United Kingdom provide the whole of the ordinary funds of the Medical Council, and have, therefore, a constitutional right to a voice in the deliberations of the Council.

It is the reverse of desirable that the Corporations should cease to send members to the Medical Council. The high reputation of such members and their intimate acquaintance with medical studies and examinations will always render their presence in the Medical Council not only valuable but necessary.

What is desired is, that those members shall be present, not in preponderating, but in justly proportionate numbers, so that they shall form one-half of the Council, and that they shall be equally balanced by the combined numbers of the nominees of the Crown and the direct representatives of the medical profession.

FRANCIS SIBSON, President of the Council of the British Medical Association.
EDWARD WATERS, Chairman and Convener of Committee.
T. WATKIN WILLIAMS, Secretary.

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Medical Appointments.

BELL, W., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed an Acting Medical Officer to the Wirral Hospital and Dispensary for Sick Children.
BEST, P., M.B., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Grimoldby District of the Louth Union, Lincolnshire, vice W. D. Ditchett, M.R.C.S.E., resigned.
BRAIDWOOD, P. M., M.D., has been appointed an Acting Medical Officer to the Wirral Hospital and Dispensary for Sick Children.
CARMICHAEL, D., L.R.C.P.Ed., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Stannington District of the Castle Ward Union, Northumberland, vice Vardy, resigned.
CHARLETON, G. W., M.D., has been appointed Surgeon to the General Infirmary, Gloucester.
CLAMPITT, R. V., L.R.C.P.Ed., has been appointed House-Surgeon to the Bootle Hospital and Dispensary, Liverpool, vice M. Hill, L.R.C.P.Ed., appointed Physician.
CLARKE, Dr., has been appointed Medical Officer to the Independent Friendly Society, Putney.
COLE, R. M., L.R.C.P.L., has been appointed House-Surgeon to the General Infirmary, Gloucester, vice Charlton, appointed Surgeon.
COOK, J. W., M.D., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Parish of Ardleigh, in the Tendring Union, Essex, vice A. J. J. Chitty, M.R.C.S.E., resigned.
DAVIDSON, G., M.B., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Honley District of the Huddersfield Union.
DUKE, A., M.D., has been appointed Surgeon to the Dover Hospital, vice J. C. Ottaway, L.R.C.P.Ed., resigned.
FORBES, D., M.D., has been appointed an Acting Medical Officer to the Wirral Hospital and Dispensary for Sick Children.
FOSTER, Dr. M., has been appointed Fullerian Professor of Physiology at the Royal Institution of Great Britain, vice T. H. Huxley, LL.D., Ed., M.R.C.S.E., resigned.

FOSTER, Mr. F. F., has been appointed Dispenser at the General Hospital, Birmingham, vice Mr. E. Bancks Whitcombe, resigned.
FRASER, A., M.D., has been appointed Physician to the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Aberdeen, vice R. Dyce, M.D., deceased.
GILL, H. C., M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A., Resident Clinical Assistant at the Bethlem Royal Hospital, has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Nottingham County and Borough Lunatic Asylum, vice Wm. Stanger, M.R.C.S.E., resigned.
HIGGINS, C. H., M.D., has been appointed a Consulting Medical Officer to the Wirral Hospital and Dispensary for Sick Children.
HILL, J. D., F.R.C.S.E., Surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital, has been appointed Assistant-Surgeon to the Royal Orthopædic Hospital, Oxford-street, vice J. Naylor, F.R.C.S.E., resigned.
HILL, M., L.R.C.P.Ed., has been appointed Physician to the Bootle Hospital and Dispensary.
HILL, W. R., M.D., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Boldre District of the Lympington Union.
JOYCE, Mr. J. B., has been appointed Dispenser to the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, vice Mr. C. J. Noble, resigned.
LOUGHEE, Dr. R., has been appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Routh District of the Cardiff Union, vice Edward Hill, M.R.C.S.E., deceased.
M'LEAN, H., M.D., has been appointed Medical Officer for District No. 8 of the Hexham Union, Northumberland, vice Wm. Young, M.D., resigned.
M'MANUS, T. A., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Middle District of the Pattingham Union, Yorkshire.
MANTHORP, M. L., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Medical Officer for District No. 9 of the Tendring Union, vice D. L. Manthorp, M.R.C.S.E., resigned.
MAYNE, Dr. R., has been elected Surgeon to the Meath Hospital and County Dublin Infirmary, vice M. H. Collis, M.D., deceased.
NOURSE, W. E. C., F.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Surgeon to the Brighton Hospital for Sick Children, vice T. Moore, F.R.C.S.E., resigned.
ORTON, J., jun., M.R.C.S.E., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Exhall and Keresley District of the Foleshill Union, Warwickshire.
PELLEW, E. B., L.R.C.P.Ed., has been appointed Medical Officer for the Western District of the Haltwhistle Union, Northumberland.
PRETCHARD, Dr., of Buckhurst-hill, has been appointed Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Buckhurst-hill District of the Epping Union, vice E. Horne, M.R.C.S.E., resigned.
RINGWOOD, Dr. J., has been appointed Medical Officer, Public Vaccinator, and Registrar of Births &c., for the Moynalty Dispensary District of the Kells Union, Co. Meath, vice R. J. Halton, L.R.C.P.Ed., resigned.
STEVENSON, J. F., M.D., has been appointed a Consulting Medical Officer to the Wirral Hospital and Dispensary for Sick Children.
WIGHT, G., M.B., C.M.Ed., has been appointed Surgeon to the Y Division of Police, vice T. H. Mitchell, M.R.C.S., deceased.
WILLIAMS, Dr. W., has been appointed Surgeon to the Ancient Order of Foresters, Bangor, vice H. Ellis, M.R.C.S.E., deceased.
YOUNG, W., M.D., has been appointed Surgeon to the Dispensary, Malton, Yorkshire, and Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator for the Norton District of the Malton Union, vice W. Barker, M.R.C.S.E., resigned.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

ENGLAND.—On the 18th inst., the wife of Dr. England, of Winchester, of a son.
EVERETT.—On the 12th inst., at Upper Rock-gardens, Brighton, the wife of the late Bly Everett, Esq., of Ditchling, of a daughter.
JESSOP.—On the 20th inst., at Park-square, Leeds, the wife of T. R. Jessop, F.R.C.S., of a daughter.
LINDSAY.—On the 12th inst., at Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, the wife of J. Lindsay, M.D., of a son.
MISKIN.—On the 18th inst., at York-road, Lambeth, the wife of Dr. G. A. Miskin, of a son.
STRANGE.—On the 17th inst., at Belsize-avenue, Belsize-park, the wife of W. Heath Strange, M.D., of a son.
SYKES.—On the 17th inst., at Queen's-road, Dalston, the wife of Dr. Sykes, Surgeon, Queen's Own Light Infantry Militia, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

HOLDEN—NAYLOR.—On the 21st inst., at St. Thomas's, Preston, John Holden, M.R.C.S., to Alice Abbey, second daughter of the late James Naylor, Gentleman, J.P., of Springfield, Preston.
JORDISON—CLEGHORN.—On the 13th inst., at St. Saviour's, Paddington, Christopher, third son of R. B. Jordison, Esq., Surgeon of South Ockendon, Essex, to Kate, only child of the late John Joseph Cleghorn, Esq.—No Cards.
RICE—ADDISON.—On the 17th inst., at Southam, Warwickshire, David Rice, M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A., to Mary Ann, younger daughter of the late John Addison, Esq., of Little Staughton, Beds.
RICHARDSON—WARDLE.—On the 14th inst., at the Parish Church, Leeds, William Edmund Richardson, Esq., Surgeon, of Rochdale, to Clara, daughter of Charles W. Wardle, Esq., of Whitkirk, near Leeds.

DEATHS.

HEYS.—On the 13th inst., at Stockton-on-Tees, John Heys, M.R.C.S.E., of Liverpool, aged 37.
MILNE.—On the 14th inst., David Milne, L.F.P. & S. Glas., of Low Willington, Durham.
ORR.—On the 12th inst., at Belsize-road, St. John's-wood, William Orr, formerly Surgeon R.N.
SUTTON.—On the 11th inst., at Balham-hill, S., Ursula Nisbet, the wife of Field Flowers Sutton, M.D.
TAYLOR.—On the 8th inst., Frederick Stubbings Taylor, M.R.C.S.E., of Greenwich, Kent.