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NEW SERIES.

## TO CORRESPONDENTS.

**NEW MEMBERS.** As we were going to press, the names of several new members reached us in addition to those published at p. 242. They shall appear in the next list.

**LETTERS, ETC., FOR THE EDITOR,** may be addressed as formerly, or to 21, EDWARDS STREET, PORTMAN SQUARE, where members may see the Editor, on *Wednesdays, between 12 and 1 o'clock.*

## DOINGS AT THE ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

THE Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society can no longer be charged with apathy. Some time ago, Dr. RANSOM was blackballed: on Tuesday last, the Society repented of the injustice which it had inflicted upon this worthy graduate of the University of London, and elected him to the Fellowship. Unfortunately, however, another graduate of the same university was rejected upon the night of Dr. Ransom's admission; and an hospital surgeon, from the fear of a similar fate, retired from the candidature just before the ballot opened. Again, the *Lancet*, condemned by the Annual Meeting on the 1st of March, is to be re-tried at a Special Meeting on the 24th. The Society has now therefore become an ethical tribunal.

## THE MEDICAL REFORM BILL.

TO-DAY we reprint the Medical Reform Bill at the request of the Reform Committee of the ASSOCIATION; and in doing so, we are requested to state, that alterations of greater or less importance have been made in clauses 1, 2, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25; and 27.

### A BILL

To establish uniformity of Medical Education and Qualification, and for the Registration of those Licensed to practise in Medicine.

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the laws relating to the Medical Profession. Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same; as follows:

I. From and after the commencement of this Act, the several Acts and parts of Acts set forth in the Schedule (A) to this Act annexed, to the extent to which such Acts or parts of Acts are by such Schedule expressed to be repealed, shall be repealed, except as to the recovery and application of any penalty for any offence which shall have been committed before the commencement of this Act.

II. The following terms and expressions used in this Act, are intended to have the meanings hereby assigned respectively, so far as such meanings are not excluded by the context or by the nature of the subject matter, that is to say: the word Medicine to include Surgery, Pharmacy, and Midwifery; the word Medical to include Surgical; the word College to include the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

III. *Appointment of the Medical Council for England.* A Council shall be established, which shall be styled the Medical Council for England; and the Regius Professor of Medicine in the University of Oxford for the time being, the Regius Pro-

fessor of Physic in the University of Cambridge for the time being, such one person as shall be from time to time named by the Senate of the University of London, the President of the Royal College of Physicians of England for the time being, and the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England for the time being, shall be members of the said Council, in right of their several offices and appointments; and the other members of the said Council shall be five Physicians, to be chosen from time to time by the Royal College of Physicians of England, five Surgeons, to be chosen from time to time by the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and six medical practitioners, not being members of the Council of the said Royal College of Physicians, nor being members of the Council of the said Royal College of Surgeons, to be appointed from time to time by one of Her Majesty's principal Secretaries of State; the first of each of the said appointments to be made within three months after the passing of this Act; and the powers and duties vested in the said Council by this Act may be exercised and executed by any six members thereof.

IV. *Tenure of Office by Members.* Every member of the said Council chosen by the said College of Physicians, every member of the said Council chosen by the said College of Surgeons, and every member of the said Council chosen by the said Secretary of State, shall be entitled to be a member of the said Council for three years, and shall then go out of office, but may forthwith be re-chosen or re-appointed.

V. *Appointment of the Medical Council for Scotland.* A Council shall be established, which shall be styled the Medical Council for Scotland, and shall consist of thirteen members, one of whom shall be from time to time chosen by the Senatus of the University of Edinburgh, one by the Senatus of the University of Glasgow, one by the Senatus of the University of Aberdeen, one by the Senatus of the University of St. Andrew's, three by the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, three by the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, and three by the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. The first of each of the said appointments to be made within three months after the passing of this Act; and the powers and duties vested in the said Council by this Act may be exercised and executed by any four members thereof.

VI. *Tenure of Office by Members.* Every member of the said Medical Council for Scotland shall be entitled to be a member of the said Council for three years, and shall then go out of office, but may forthwith be re-chosen.

VII. *Appointment of the Medical Council for Ireland.* A Council shall be established, which shall be styled the Medical Council for Ireland; and the Regius Professor of Medicine in the University of Dublin for the time being, the Professor of Medicine at the Queen's College at Cork for the time being, the Professor of Medicine at the Queen's College at Galway for the time being, the Professor of Medicine at the Queen's College at Belfast for the time being, shall be members of the said Council, in right of their several offices and appointments; and the other members of the said Council shall be four Physicians; to be chosen from time to time by the King's and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland; and four Surgeons, to be chosen from time to time by the Royal College of Surgeons of Dublin. The first of each of the said appointments to be made within three months after the passing of this Act; and the powers and duties vested in the said Council by this Act may be exercised and executed by any four members thereof.

VIII. *Tenure of Office by Members.* Every member of the said Medical Council for Ireland, chosen by the King's and Queen's College of Physicians in Ireland, and every member of the said Medical Council for Ireland, chosen by the Royal College of Surgeons of Dublin, shall be entitled to be a member of the said Council for three years, and shall then go out of office, but may forthwith be re-chosen.

IX. *Expenses of the Members to be paid.* There shall be paid to each of the members of the said several Medical Councils three guineas for each attendance at such Medical Council; and