

NEWS AND TOPICS OF THE DAY.

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ROYAL MEDICAL BENEVOLENT COLLEGE. A Bill for the Incorporation of this Institution was read a second time on Monday, in the House of Commons, preparatory to its being opened in June next, for the reception of twenty pensioners, and one hundred scholars.

At the Festival, on the 28th February, the Treasurer had the gratification to read the following letters:—

"Buckingham Palace, Feb. 27th, 1855.

"DEAR SIR,—I have had the honour to submit to Her Majesty the Queen the purport of the conversation which I had with you this morning, with respect to the Medical Benevolent College, and I have the pleasure to inform you that Her Majesty has been pleased to grant her patronage to the College, and to approve of the alteration of its designation, to that of the Royal Medical Benevolent College. *[Cheers.]*

"Yours truly, C. B. PHIPPS.

"To JOHN PROPERT, Esq."

"23, Ely Place, 21th, Feb. 1855.

"DEAR SIR,—I am sorry to inform you that my lamented friend Ralph Howitt, Esq., departed this life on the 14th inst., at Ventnor; but you will be pleased to hear that he has remembered the Medical Benevolent College in his will, and has left that charity a legacy of £500. Sir F. Thesiger, myself, and Mr. Hood, are the executors, and the will will be proved in due time.

"I have the honour to be, dear sir,

"Faithfully yours, CHARLES HYDE.

"JOHN PROPERT, Esq., New Cavendish Street."

"Bolton-le-Moors, Lancashire, Feb. 26th, 1855.

"DEAR SIR,—I observe in the advertising columns of the medical journals, that the council and stewards of the Medical Benevolent College, purpose at their Anniversary Festival, which takes place on Wednesday, the 28th instant, making such strenuous exertions to sufficiently enhance their funds so as to enable them to develop the benefits of that institution by June next. I am sure the members of the profession feel that they owe a debt of deep gratitude, not only to yourself especially, but also to those philanthropic gentlemen, whose good fortune it has been to conceive so happy a project, and through whose untiring zeal and energy their labours are brought to so near a consummation. Although unsolicited to subscribe, nevertheless, I consider my path of duty to be quite obvious; viz., to contribute a portion of what it has pleased God to bless me with, in furtherance of an undertaking, which has for its aim and object the amelioration of the condition of these of my equally deserving, but less fortunate medical brethren, or their families, who are labouring under reverses of fortune, whether arising from disease or misfortune, or to whatever calamity, such a precarious profession is liable. With my best wishes for the success of the undertaking, and in proof of my sincerity, I beg to forward you the sum of £100. "I am, sir,

"Yours most respectfully, SAMUEL TAYLOR CHADWICK.

"JOHN PROPERT, Esq., Treasurer to the Medical Benevolent College."

GRATIFYING TESTIMONIALS. William Coates, M.D., on occasion of relinquishing his surgical and medical practice at and in the neighbourhood of Wroughton, has been presented with a set of three richly-chased silver salvers, with appropriate inscription, in testimony of "their warm personal regard, and regret at the loss of the benefit of his professional skill". On Wednesday, March 7th, Captain Valpy, R.N., of Coombe Lodge, Blagdon, on behalf of himself and other donors—some of whom were present as a deputation—presented Dr. Coates with the salvers, in a highly complimentary speech, to which he responded with great feeling. The salver of the intermediate size was the special present of Mrs. Festing, of Blagdon Court. (*Bristol Mercury.*)

MARISCHAL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY, ABERDEEN. Mr. Layard has been elected Lord Rector of this university, by a majority over Colonel Sykes of three "nations" out of four.

WARNEFORD HOSPITAL, LEAMINGTON. The late Dr. Warneford has bequeathed to this institution the munificent sum of £10,000 free of legacy-duty. The committee will now, it is hoped, with the assistance of the public, be enabled to open the two wards which have hitherto been unoccupied for want of funds.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

EAST INDIA HOUSE, Feb. 21, 1855.

Notice is hereby given, that the annexed CODE of REGULATIONS, for the ADMISSION of CANDIDATES at the EXAMINATIONS to be held for the Appointment of ASSISTANT-SURGEONS in the Service of the East India Company, has been framed by the Board of Commissioners for the Affairs of India, under the provisions of the Act 16 and 17 Vic., cap. 95, sec. 38.

REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT-SURGEON IN THE SERVICE OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

All natural-born subjects of her Majesty, between 22 and 28 years of age, and of sound bodily health, may be Candidates for admission into the service of the East India Company as Assistant-Surgeons.

They must subscribe, and send in to Dr. Scott, the Physician to the Honourable East India Company, 10 days before the period fixed for each examination, a declaration to the following effect:—

"I [Christian and Surname at full length], a Candidate for employment as an Assistant-Surgeon in the service of the East India Company, do hereby declare that I was years of age on the day of last, and that I labour under no constitutional disease or physical disability that can interfere with the due discharge of the duties of a medical officer; and I also attest my readiness to proceed on duty to India within three months of receiving my appointment."

This declaration must be accompanied by the following documents:—

1. Proof of age, either by extract from the register of the parish in which the Candidate was born, or by his own declaration, pursuant to the act 5 and 6 William IV., cap. 62.

2. A certificate of moral character from a magistrate, or a minister of the religious denomination to which the Candidate belongs, who has personally known him for at least two preceding years.

3. A diploma in surgery, or a degree in medicine, provided an examination in surgery be required for such degree, from some body competent by law to grant or confer such diploma or degree.

4. A certificate of having attended two Courses of Lectures, of six months each, on the practice of physic, and of having attended, for six months, the practice and clinical instruction of the physicians at some hospital containing at least, on an average, one hundred in-patients; or of having attended one Course of Lectures, of six months, on the practice of physic, and clinical instruction for twelve months.

5. A certificate of having attended, for three months, the practical instruction given at one of the public asylums for the treatment of the insane.

6. A certificate of having attended, for three months, one of the institutions or wards of an hospital especially devoted to the treatment of ophthalmic disease.

Candidates who may not have been able to attend the practice of an asylum for the insane, or of an ophthalmic hospital, for three months previous to their offering themselves for examination, will not be excluded from examination, but will, if successful in obtaining recommendation for appointments, be required to produce certificates of having attended such practice during the interval between the examination and the time of proceeding to India.

7. A certificate of having attended a Course of Lectures on midwifery, and of having conducted at least six labours.

8. A certificate of having acquired a practical knowledge of cupping.

Candidates may also, at their option, send in certificates of attendance at any hospitals, or on any courses of lectures, in addition to the above. Attendance on a Course of military surgery, and the practical study of surgical operations on the dead body, are recommended.

The Examination will include the following Subjects:—

1. Surgery in all its departments.
2. Medicine, including the diseases of women and children, Therapeutics, Pharmacy, and Hygiene.
3. Anatomy and Physiology, including comparative anatomy.
4. Natural History, including Botany and Zoology.

The following are the books recommended in—

Zoology and Comparative Anatomy—
Outlines of the Structure of the Animal Kingdom, by Rymer Jones.
Cours Élémentaire d'Histoire Naturelle, par Milne Edwards.

Botany—

Lindley's School Botany.

Lindley's Elements of Botany.

The Examination will be conducted—

1. By means of written questions and answers.
2. By object examinations and experiments, when the subject admits of such tests.
3. By practical examination of patients, and by operations on the dead body.
4. By vivâ voce examination.

The persons who shall be pronounced by the Examiners to be the best qualified in all respects, will be appointed to fill the requisite number of appointments as Assistant-Surgeons in the East India Company's service, and, so far as the requirements of the service will permit, they will have the choice of the presidency in India to which they shall be appointed, according to the order of merit in which they stand in the list resulting from such examination.

All Assistant-Surgeons are required to subscribe to the Military or Medical, and Medical Retiring Funds, at the Presidencies to which they may be respectively appointed, and to the Military Orphan Society also, if appointed to Bengal.

All Assistant-Surgeons who shall neglect or refuse to proceed to India, under the orders of the Court of Directors, within three months from the date of their appointment, will be considered as having forfeited it, unless special circumstances shall justify a departure from this regulation.

A copy of these regulations, and any further information, may be obtained on application to the Secretary of the Military Department, East India House.

The Examinations will take place in the months of January and July in each year, and due notice will be given by public advertisement of the days appointed, and of the probable number of candidates to be selected.

It is now announced that the next examination will be held at this house in the month of July next, and that the probable number of vacancies in the Medical Establishment of the East India Company to be then filled up will be fifty.

JAMES C. MELVILL, Secretary.