

Dr. BURROWS said Mr. Headlam's Bill was supported by all the medical examining boards of the United Kingdom, except the Apothecaries' Hall of Ireland; while Lord Elcho's had only the support of the Scotch Universities, which were not wholly medical.

Dr. HARRISON had been requested by the University of Dublin, to attend this meeting, and to express their approval generally of Mr. Headlam's Bill. The University of Dublin took no part in this medical question in reference to the medical corporations; their only desire was the improvement of medical education. They felt convinced that the improvement of medical science mainly depended on the foundation of a good general education, and therefore they were strongly of opinion that no medical degree should be conferred without a previous education and degree in arts in a university. The great obstacle to any improvement in medical education at present arose from the number of universities giving medical degrees without a previous education and a degree in arts in a university. If a young man could obtain a medical degree in one university without a degree in arts, he would not resort to another, in which that previous expensive step was required. Mr. Headlam's Bill insisted that no man could be registered as a physician unless he had first obtained a degree in arts and a degree in medicine; it also required a good general preliminary education for the other grades of the profession. As Lord Elcho's Bill ignored all distinctions in the profession, it held out no encouragement to pursue the higher grades, or to adopt a university education.

Dr. ACLAND was surprised that a man of Lord Elcho's sagacity and ability should bring forward a Bill of the kind that he is supporting, in opposition to that of Mr. Headlam. Some years ago he (Dr. Acland) felt it his duty to urge the University of Oxford to forego the right to examine for license practitioners in medicine. The general and scientific examination would be best conducted by the Universities; the practical by the corporations, whose examining boards consisted of practical men.

Mr. GROGAN, M.P., expressed a hope that although they could not expect a definite reply from Lord Palmerston, as to the course the Government intended to pursue, that they would aid in the speedy settlement of this important subject.

Dr. WOOD said that if Mr. Headlam's Bill did not support all the legitimate interests of Medical Reform, he would not support it. It established a uniform education throughout the United Kingdom; but more than that, it established a rigid system of tests of the qualifications of candidates under a superior council, so as to prevent any chance of candidates being improperly licensed. It established, too, unrestricted right of practice throughout the kingdom. All this it did by having the present machinery so modified as to meet the requirements of the times. In fact, it reformed without destroying. Lord Elcho's Bill, no doubt, carried out many of the objects of Medical Reform, but not so completely; and in doing so, it sacrificed all existing bodies. It should not be forgotten that those institutions were peculiarly British; they do not exist abroad; they were established in strict conformity with the principles of the British constitution, and with the view of giving to the medical profession the power of self-government. To disturb them, therefore, would be retrograde, and not progressive legislation. To hand over the profession to be regulated solely by a council appointed exclusively by the Crown, as the Bill of Lord Elcho proposes, would be to establish an un-English despotism.

The deputation then withdrew.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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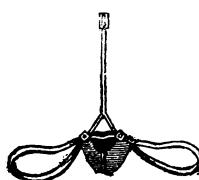
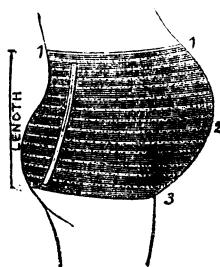
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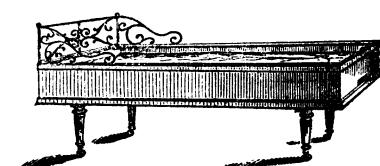
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