

son, Dr. Alexander Wood, Dr. Storrar, be appointed to extract from the minutes of Council such regulations as have been passed by the Council for conducting the business of the Council, and to report such alterations and new regulations as may appear to the committee to be advisable."

Confirmed—CHARLES HASTINGS.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Mr. GREEN in the Chair.

Dr. Alexander Wood presented the following Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to prepare a Scheme for the Registration of Students, &c.

Report of the Sub-Committee on the Registration of Medical Students.

With the view of carrying out recommendations 6, 7, and 8 of the Committee on Education, appointed by the General Council in 1859, which are to the following effect:—

(6) That on and after October 1st, 1860, all medical students be required to be registered by one of the bodies named in Schedule A of the Medical Act.

(7) That the lists of students registered be closed within a week after the commencement of each session.

(8) That no student beginning professional study after September, 1861, be registered, who has not passed an arts examination, in conformity with resolutions 2 or 4.

The Committee recommend that the Council be advised to enact the following regulations:—

(1) That the several bodies in Schedule A of the Medical Act, either jointly or severally, open a register for students commencing their studies in medicine, in the form annexed.

(2) That the said register be opened on the first day of each session or term, and remain open for fifteen days; and that within seven days after its close the officer in charge be required to transmit a duly authenticated copy thereof to the Registrar of the Branch Council of that division of the United Kingdom to which the body or bodies belong.

(3) That the Registrar of the Branch Council lay the list before the Branch Council, in order that the Branch Council may take whatever steps may seem necessary to secure its accuracy; and that it thereafter be transmitted, with any remarks by the Branch Council thereon, to the Executive Committee.

(4) That the Executive Committee shall arrange these returns, and publish annually an alphabetical list of the names contained in them.

(5) That when a student is prevented by sickness, or any other unavoidable cause, from registering within the prescribed time, he present, as soon as the case admits, a statement of the circumstances, with proper evidence, to the authorities of the university or body under whose charge the register may be; and if the application be sustained, such statement of the whole circumstance shall, by the authorities of the said body, be laid before the Branch Council, who shall, if there be cause, transmit the name of such student to the Executive Committee, to be inserted in the list.

(Signed) ALEXANDER WOOD, *Chairman*.

Schedule.—Register of Medical Students.

No.	Name.	Date of Birth.	Place of Birth.	Present Residence.	Date of Registration.	Place of Registration.	Registering Body.	When and by what Body the Examination in Arts was conducted, and its Date.
1	A. B. ...	—	—	London ...	—	University College, London.	University of London.	Matriculation Examination of University of London; May, 1861.
2	C. D. ...	—	—	Birmingham	—	Birmingham General Hospital.	Royal College of Surgeons of England.	Oxford Middle-Class Examination; August, 1861.

1. Moved by Dr. Alexander Wood, seconded by Dr. Storrar, and agreed to,—“That the report be received.”

2. Moved by Dr. Corrigan, seconded by Dr. Storrar, and agreed to,—“That the following be adopted, in lieu of the 6th recommendation of the Report on Education of 1859—viz., ‘That after October 1st, 1861, all medical students be required to be registered.’”

3. Moved by Dr. Storrar, seconded by Dr. Andrew Wood,—“That the 7th recommendation of the Report of 1859 be adopted.”

Amendment moved by Dr. A. Thomson, and seconded by Sir James Clark,—“That No. 7 stand as follows: ‘7. That the lists of students registered be closed within fifteen days after the commencement of each session or term.’”—Amendment carried.

4. Moved by Mr. Teale, seconded by Dr. Storrar, and agreed to,—“That the 8th recommendation of the Report of 1859 be adopted.”

5. Moved by Dr. Alexander Wood, seconded by Dr. Storrar, and agreed to,—“That the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th recommendations of the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.”

6. Moved by Dr. Alexander Wood, and seconded by Dr. Storrar,—“That the 5th recommendation of the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.”

Amendment moved by Mr. Syme, and seconded by Sir Chas. Hastings,—“That in lieu of the 5th recommendation the following be adopted: ‘That the licensing bodies shall have power to admit exceptions as to the time of registration, if satisfactory to them, and shall transmit lists of such exceptions to the Branch Council of the part of the United Kingdom in which such exemptions have been granted, with the grounds stated.’”—Amendment carried.

MINUTES OF MEETING, JUNE 21ST.

Sir CHARLES HASTINGS took the chair, at three o'clock P.M.

Present—Dr. Burrows, Mr. Green, Mr. Nussey, Dr. Acland, Dr. Bond, Dr. Embleton, Dr. Storrar, Dr. Alexander Wood,

Dr. Andrew Wood, Mr. Watt, Mr. Syme, Dr. A. Thomson, Dr. A. Smith, Dr. Leet, Dr. Apjohn, Dr. Corrigan, Sir James Clark, Mr. Lawrence, Mr. Teale, Dr. Christison, Dr. Stokes.
Dr. Francis Hawkins, *Registrar*.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

1. There were brought before the Council several memorials in regard to recent admissions by the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Mr. Green, the representative of that body, explained that no one had received the diploma of the Royal College of Surgeons of England without having been examined and found qualified in anatomy, physiology, and surgery, and without having been in practice for some years before the passing of the Medical Act, and without having produced certificates of respectable character.

Mr. Green having further stated that the practice of examining candidates who had not gone through a full curriculum of study ceased on the 1st of March, and would not be resumed, the Council did not think it necessary to move in the matter.

2. A memorial from some members of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, resident in the Isle of Man, relative to the examination of dentists by that College, having been read,

Moved by Dr. Apjohn, seconded by Dr. Storrar, and agreed to,—“That this Council has no authority to interfere with the privileges, in relation to dentistry, conferred upon the College of Surgeons of England by charter, in accordance with the 48th section of the Medical Act.”

3. A memorial having been received from an Association of Foreign Graduates, praying for the registration of their foreign degrees,

Moved by Dr. Storrar, seconded by Dr. Alexander Wood, and agreed to,—“That, by the 11th section of Schedule A of the Medical Act, the Council have authority only to register such foreign qualifications as were possessed by persons practising, by virtue of them, as physicians in the United Kingdom before the 1st of October, 1858, and who can satisfy the Council that such qualifications have been conferred after regular examination.”

4. A memorial from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, relative to licences in midwifery, having been read,

Moved by Dr. Andrew Wood, and seconded by Mr. Watt,—“That as midwifery forms a branch of the education and examination of every physician and surgeon, and is not mentioned in the body of the Medical Act, apart from the qualification of physician and surgeon, it is unnecessary and inexpedient that licences in midwifery should be specially registered.”

Amendment moved by Dr. Alexander Wood, and seconded by Dr. Apjohn,—“That the memorial of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, in regard to midwifery licences, be referred to the committee appointed to consider what amendments are required in the Medical Act.”

Amendment carried.

5. Dr. Alexander Wood brought up the first Report of the Committee on special claims for Registration.

First Report of the Special Registration Committee.

The Committee have to report that there are five applications from persons having graduated at Homœopathic Colleges in America—viz., Henry Thomas, Thomas Smith, Homœopathic College of Pennsylvania; Samuel Eadon, James Coombs, John Marchant Davison, Homœopathic College of Cleveland, Ohio.

Of these, Thomas Smith does not profess to have been examined at the College named, and the Committee have no hesitation in recommending that his application be rejected.

In regard to the cases of Henry Thomas, Samuel Eadon, James Coombs, and John Marchant Davison, who have got their degrees after examination at the Colleges named, a considerable difficulty occurs.

It seems that charters are granted with very great facility by the Legislatures of some of the States of America, and it therefore becomes a very grave question for the Council to decide how far they are prepared to recognise the bodies so chartered as foreign Universities or Colleges in the sense intended by the Medical Act.

Samuel Eadon's claim was rejected by a vote of the General Council on the 6th August last, and he has applied for a reconsideration of his case.

Henry Thomas, who claims to be a graduate of the Homœopathic College of Pennsylvania, has addressed to the Registrar, and to each member of the Branch Council for England, a letter in the following terms:—

SIR,—I hereby give you notice that I am a doctor of medicine by diploma, dated the 1st day of March, 1855, of a foreign College, to wit, the Homœopathic Medical College of Pennsylvania, in the United States of North America. That I have been practising in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to wit, at Chester, before the 1st day of October, 1858; to wit, from the year 1856 hitherto. That I have produced or forwarded by post to the Registrar of the Branch Council for England my diploma as doctor of medicine, and other documents, and evidence of the qualification in respect of which I claim to be registered as hereinafter stated. That I have produced to the Council certificates of my having taken my degree of doctor of medicine after regular examination, and have in all respects complied with, and am ready and willing to comply with, the provisions contained in the Medical Act 21 and 22 Vict., cap. 90. I now therefore claim to be registered under, and by virtue and in accordance with, the provisions of the said Medical Act; and I demand that my name be placed upon the Medical Register. And I hereby further give you notice, that if this my demand be not complied with, or a satisfactory reason be not given for the non-compliance therewith, within fourteen days, such proceedings will be taken, either by mandamus, or otherwise, against you, and the members of the Branch Council of England, either individually or collectively, or both individually and collectively, as I may be advised.

(Signed) HENRY THOMAS.

Dated this 27th day of January, 1860.

A claim has been presented by Thomas Airey, under Section 11 of Schedule (A).

The committee are of opinion that Thomas Airey has failed to establish his claim, and ought not to be registered.

ALEXANDER WOOD, *Chairman.*

Moved by Mr. Syme, and seconded by Dr. Alex. Wood,—“That the names of Samuel Eadon, James Coombs, John Marchant Davison, and Henry Thomas, be registered, in strict compliance with the Medical Act.”

Amendment moved by Dr. Corrigan, and seconded by Dr. Apjohn,—“That the names of Samuel Eadon, James Coombs,

John Marchant Davison, and Henry Thomas, be not registered.”

The further consideration of this subject was adjourned.

The following letter was read from the President:—

14, Savile-row, W., June 21st, 1860.

MY DEAR SIR,—I will thank you to express to the Medical Council, at their meeting this day, that, in pursuance of the notice which I have already given, it is my wish to resign my office as President of the Council, before the conclusion of the present session.

Although circumstances compel me to take this step, I take it with great reluctance, having had so much experience of the kindness and courtesy shown me by every member of the Council since they first did me the honour of electing me to preside over their meetings.

I am, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

Dr. Hawkins.

B. C. BRODIE.

Confirmed—B. C. BRODIE.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Sir JAMES CLARK, Bart., in the chair.

The minutes of the two last sittings of the General Committee on Education were confirmed.

1. Moved by Dr. Storrar, seconded by Dr. Thomson, and agreed to,—“That the various educational and licensing bodies be required to transmit to the Registrar of the General Council, returns, embodying any alterations which they may from time to time introduce into their courses of general study and examinations, which qualify for the registration of medical students.”

2. Moved by Dr. Andrew Wood, seconded by Mr. Watt, and agreed to,—“That the age of twenty-one be the earliest age at which any professional licence shall be obtained.”

3. Moved by Dr. Andrew Wood, seconded by Mr. Watt, and agreed to,—“That four years of professional study be required, after the examination in general education.”

4. Moved by Dr. Andrew Wood, and seconded by Mr. Watt,—“That the four years of professional study shall be held to embrace four winter sessions of six months each, and three summer sessions of three months each.”

Amendment moved by Dr. Corrigan, seconded by Dr. Apjohn,—“That four years of professional study be required, after the examination in general education; the fourth professional year being understood to terminate at the end of the summer session of that year.”

Amendment negatived; original motion also negatived.

5. Moved by Dr. Apjohn, and seconded by Dr. Stokes,—“That in the case of persons presenting themselves for examination at the termination of the fourth year from the date of the preliminary examination, a year of professional study will not be considered as completed, unless it appears, on the examination of a student's certificate, that he has been for such time in attendance upon two winter courses, or one winter and two summer courses, or upon one winter or summer course, in conjunction with attendance for six months on the practice of a recognised general hospital, or has been occupied at a recognised hospital or dispensary for twelve months in the study of clinical medicine.”—Negatived.

6. Moved by Dr. Andrew Wood, and seconded by Mr. Teale,—“That the professional examination be divided into at least two distinct parts; that the first be not undergone until after the termination of the second winter session, and the final examination not until after the termination of the fourth winter session.”

Amendment moved by Dr. Acland, and seconded by Dr. Storrar,—“For the words ‘second winter session,’ substitute ‘two years of study;’ for the words ‘fourth winter session,’ substitute ‘four years of study.’”—Amendment carried.

Dr. Alexander Wood laid on the table the Report of the Sub-Committee on the Visitation of Examinations, the consideration of which it was agreed to defer.

Report of the Sub-Committee on the Visitation of Examinations.

The Committee beg to remind the Council that by clause 18 of the Medical Act it is provided that “any member or members of the General Council, or any person or persons deputed for this purpose by such Council, or by any Branch Council, may attend and be present at any such examinations.”

The Council will observe that, by this clause, the duty of visitation of examinations can be effected either personally by members of the Council, or by deputy.