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INTRODUCTION.

All persons desirous of being admitted Students in Medicine are required to be registered in the manner hereinafter prescribed by the General Medical Council.

REGULATIONS.

1. No Student shall be registered until he has passed a Preliminary Examination, as required by the General Medical Council, and has produced evidence that he has commenced Medical Study.

2. The commencement of the course of Professional Study recognised by any of the Qualifying Bodies, shall not be reckoned as dating earlier than fifteen days before the date of Registration.

3. The Registration of Students shall be placed under the charge of the Branch Registrars.

4. Every Student who desires to be Registered shall apply to the Branch Registrar of the division of the United Kingdom in which he is residing, according to a form which may be had on application to the several Qualifying Bodies, Medical Schools, and Hospitals; and shall produce or forward to the Branch Registrar a Certificate of his having passed a Preliminary Examination, as required by the General Medical Council, and evidence that he has commenced Medical Study.

5. The Branch Registrar shall enter the applicant's name and other particulars in the Students' Register, and shall give him a certificate of such registration.

6. The several Branch Councils shall have power to admit special exceptions to the foregoing Regulations as to Registration for reasons which shall appear to them satisfactory.

7. The several Qualifying Bodies are recommended not to admit to the final Examination for a Qualification under the

Medical Acts, any Candidate (not exempted from Registration) whose name has not been entered in the Student's Register at least forty-five months previously. In the case of Candidates from other than Schools of the United Kingdom, the Branch Councils shall have power to admit exceptions to this Recommendation.

EXAMINING BODIES WHOSE EXAMINATIONS FULFIL THE
CONDITIONS OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL AS REGARDS
PRELIMINARY EDUCATION.

I.—UNIVERSITIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD:—

- (a) Examination for a Degree in Arts.
- (β) Responsions.
- (γ) Moderations.
- (δ) Local Examinations (Senior); Certificate to include Latin and Mathematics.
- (ε) Local Examinations (Junior); Certificate to include Latin and Mathematics, and also one of the following optional subjects:—Greek; French; German; Natural Philosophy, including Mechanics, Hydrostatics, and Pneumatics.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE:—

- (a) Examination for a Degree in Arts.
- (β) Previous Examination.
- (γ) Local Examinations (Senior); Certificate to include Latin and Mathematics.
- (δ) Local Examinations (Junior); Certificate to include Latin and Mathematics, and also one of the following optional subjects:—Greek; French; German; Natural Philosophy, including the Elements of Statics and Hydrostatics.
- (ε) Higher Local Examinations.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM :—

- (a) Examination for a Degree in Arts.
- (β) Examination for Students in their 2nd and 1st years.
- (γ) Registration Examination for Medical Students.
- (δ) Local Examinations (Senior) ; Certificate to include Latin and Mathematics.
- (ε) Local Examinations (Junior) ; Certificate to include Latin and Mathematics, and also one of the following optional subjects :— Greek ; French ; German ; Natural Philosophy, including Mechanics, Hydrostatics, and Pneumatics.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON :—

- (a) Examination for a Degree in Arts or Science.
- (β) Matriculation Examination.

UNIVERSITIES OF EDINBURGH, ABERDEEN, GLASGOW, ST. ANDREWS :—

- (a) Examination for a Degree in Arts.
- (β) Preliminary Examination for Graduation in Medicine or Surgery.

UNIVERSITIES OF EDINBURGH, ABERDEEN, ST. ANDREWS :—

Honours Certificates granted under Local Examinations ; Certificate to include English Literature, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Latin, and also one of the following optional subjects :— Greek, French, German, Natural Philosophy.

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW :—

Senior Certificate of Local Examination Board ; Certificate to include English Literature, Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry, Latin, and also one of the following optional subjects :— Greek, French, German, Natural Philosophy.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN :—

- (a) Examination for a Degree in Arts.
- (β) Public Entrance Examination.

QUEENS' UNIVERSITY IN IRELAND :—

- (a) Examination for a Degree in Arts.
- (β) Entrance Examination.
- (γ) Examination for the Diploma of Licentiate in Arts.
- (δ) Previous Examination for B.A. Degree.

- (c) Local Examinations for Men and Women; Certificate to include all the subjects required by the General Medical Council, as set forth in the following *Recommendation*.

The Certificate of Examination must testify that the Student has been examined in:—(1) English Language, including Grammar and Composition; (2) Arithmetic, including Vulgar and Decimal Fractions; and Algebra, including Simple Equations; (3) Geometry:—First two Books of Euclid, or the subjects thereof; (4) Latin, including Translation and Grammar; and in one of the following optional subjects:—Greek; French; German; Elementary Mechanics of Solids and Fluids, meaning thereby Mechanics, Hydrostatics, Pneumatics, and Hydraulics.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE SCHOOLS' EXAMINATION BOARD:—

*Certificate to include the following subjects:—

- (1) Arithmetic, including Vulgar and Decimal Fractions;
- (2) Algebra, including Simple Equations;
- (3) Geometry, First two books of Euclid;
- (4) Latin, including Translation and Grammar;
- (5) Also one of these optional subjects:—
Greek; French; German; Mechanical Division of Natural Philosophy.

II.—OTHER BODIES NAMED IN SCHEDULE (A) TO THE *Medical Act*.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND:—

- (a) Preliminary Examination for the Membership;
 - (s) Preliminary Examination for the Fellowship;
- Conducted under the superintendence of the Royal College of Surgeons by the Board of Examiners of the College of Preceptors.

APOTHECARIES' SOCIETY OF LONDON:—

Examination in Arts.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF EDINBURGH:—

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF EDINBURGH:—

Preliminary Examination in General Education, conducted by a Board appointed by these two Colleges combined.

FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW:—

Preliminary Examination in General Education.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS IN IRELAND:—

Preliminary Examination, Certificate to include Mathematics.

APOTHECARIES' HALL OF IRELAND:—

Preliminary Examination in General Education.

* The English is provided for by the following *Resolution* of the Executive Committee:—

"That, as every Candidate for the Certificate of the Oxford and Cambridge Schools Examination Board is required to answer questions in such a manner as to satisfy the Examiners that he has an adequate knowledge of English Grammar and Orthography, this shall be held as conforming to the requirements of the Medical Council in reference to English Language."

III.—EXAMINING BODIES, IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, NOT INCLUDED IN SCHEDULE (A) TO THE *Medical Act* (1858).

COLLEGE OF PRECEPTORS :—

Examination for a First Class Certificate.

EXAMINERS FOR COMMISSIONS AND APPOINTMENTS IN HER MAJESTY'S SERVICE, MILITARY, NAVAL, AND CIVIL :—

Certificate to include all the subjects required by the General Medical Council as set forth in the *Recommendation at the beginning of page 9.*

IV.—INDIAN, COLONIAL, AND FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES.

UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA :—	} Entrance Examination, Certificate to include Latin.	} Matriculation Examination.
UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS :—		
UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY :—		
UNIVERSITY OF M'GILL COLLEGE, MONTREAL :—	}	
UNIVERSITY OF BISHOP'S COLLEGE, MONTREAL :—		
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO :—		
UNIVERSITY OF TRINITY COLLEGE, TORONTO :—		
UNIVERSITY OF QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON :—		
UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA COLLEGE, UPPER CANADA :—		
UNIVERSITY OF FREDERICTON, NEW BRUNSWICK :—		
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE :—		
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY :—		
UNIVERSITY OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE :—		

UNIVERSITY OF KING'S COLLEGE, NOVA SCOTIA :—

- (a) Matriculation Examination ;
(b) Responsions.

UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO :—Preliminary Examination.

UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE :—

- (a) Matriculation Examination ;
(b) Primary Examination, First Class Certificate, provided it contains all the subjects set forth in the *Recommendation at the beginning of page 9.*

MEDICAL COLLEGE, HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA :—
Matriculation Examination.

COBBINGTON COLLEGE, BARBADOS :—

English Certificate for Students of two years' standing, specifying the subjects of Examination, and Latin Certificate, or "Testamur."

TASMANIAN COUNCIL OF EDUCATION :—

Examination for the Degree of Associate of Arts, Certificate to include Latin and Mathematics.

CHRIST'S COLLEGE, CANTERBURY, NEW ZEALAND :—

Voluntary Examinations, Certificate to include all the subjects required by the General Medical Council, as set forth in the *Recommendation at beginning of page 9.*

SOUTH AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE, ADELAIDE :—
Preliminary General Examination, First Class Certificate.

Students who have passed either of the foregoing Examinations may at once enter upon their professional studies at a School of Medicine. As a matter of greater convenience, however, it is also open to them to devote a year in the first instance to the practice of a Provincial Hospital, or to pass a similar period with a legally qualified practitioner who holds some public appointment, and is able to afford sufficient opportunities of practical instruction.

The choice of a School, as of a Qualification, depends greatly upon the time and means at the disposal of each individual, as well as upon his abilities and disposition to work; the amount of general and professional study required by the several examining bodies varying in many instances very considerably.

The following are the Examining and Qualifying Bodies in the United Kingdom from which Degrees or Diplomas may be obtained in the Faculty of Medicine:

ENGLAND.

UNIVERSITIES.—Oxford, Cambridge, Durham, and London.

CORPORATIONS.—The Royal Colleges of Physicians, and Surgeons, and the Society of Apothecaries.

SCOTLAND.

UNIVERSITIES.—Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, and St. Andrew's.

CORPORATIONS.—The Royal Colleges of Physicians, and Surgeons, and the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

IRELAND.

UNIVERSITIES.—Trinity College, Dublin, and the Queen's University.

CORPORATIONS.—The King and Queen's College of Physicians, The Royal College of Surgeons, and The Society of Apothecaries.