

the profession, the Committee believe that you as the Registrar of the Pine Street (Chatham Street) School of Medicine, will, with your colleagues, take this subject into your serious consideration.

It is, of course, well-known to you that a considerable number of students entering the schools of late years are at the time druggists, and practising medicine as a profession. The committee believe that many of these are actuated by the honourable and praiseworthy motive of qualifying themselves for examination, and of becoming legal and respectable practitioners. But the committee submit that while this should, to a certain extent, be encouraged, it should not be done at the expense, or to the detriment of the profession.

It is, therefore, respectfully suggested that, while every encouragement is given to the honourable and aspiring druggist, he should be required, on entering his curriculum of study, to confine himself strictly within the limits of his calling, and to pledge himself not to practise medicine. If this should occasionally be deemed a hardship, it will be an initiation into honourable and professional conduct, and even conducive to his future interests, when he finds that upon entering into practice legally, he is in turn equally protected.

So far the Committee speak of those who are actuated by the most commendable motives. It is a fact well known, however, that many enter the schools for the purpose of direct emolument. Certificates of lectures are exhibited as licenses and diplomas, and the ignorant are led to believe that their possessors are fully-qualified medical men. In some districts this has been attended with results which the lecturers of your school would be pained to learn; and the Committee feel assured that these are consequences of provincial medical schools which their spirited founders never contemplated, and would willingly remove. Of course it is not for a moment considered that the refusal of a pupil who would not pledge himself, or of a certificate to one who had violated his agreement, could be retrospective; but it is considered that it might with honour and advantage be carried out with all new students, and prospectively even with those who have only entered to single courses of lectures, or to a single session.

The Committee beg further to state, that this evil which they deplore and seek to remedy, has already received the attention of the Leeds School of Medicine, which has adopted a course somewhat similar to that now pressed upon your consideration.

In conclusion, the Committee desire that the subject may be taken up by the several institutions named in the resolution above referred to, in the spirit which has actuated the Medico-Ethical Association, believing that whilst it will be grateful to the profession generally, it will be more especially calculated to exalt the character and position of those institutions, by giving their alumni a higher character, and themselves an increasing usefulness and permanency.

Signed on behalf of the Medico-Ethical Association.

JAMES LOMAX BARDSLEY, M.D., President.
JOHN AIKENHEAD, M.D., } Hon. Secs.
W. C. WILLIAMSON. }

Manchester, March 18, 1851.

A memorial, similar in effect to the above, was also addressed to the Medical Board of the Royal Infirmary.

To the President and Honorary Secretaries of the Medico-Ethical Association.

Gentlemen,—I have been requested to transmit to you the following resolution which was passed at a meeting of the Lecturers of the Manchester Royal School of Medicine and Surgery, held on March 28, 1851.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. T. HUNT, Hon. Sec.

Manchester, March 31, 1851.

Resolved—“That the receipt of a communication from the President and Honorary Secretaries of the Manchester Medico-Ethical Association, addressed to the Registrar and Lecturers of the Pine Street School of Medicine, and relating to the students of the school, be acknowledged.”

To the President and Honorary Secretaries of the Medico-Ethical Society.

Gentlemen,—At the last meeting of the Lecturers of the Chatham Street School of Medicine, I presented your memorial, relating to the exaction of a pledge from the students on entering to the courses of lectures delivered in this place. After maturely considering your suggestion, the following sentiment was carried by a majority of those present at the meeting:—“The Lecturers of the Chatham Street School of Medicine beg to acknowledge the receipt of the memorial of the Medico-Ethical Society, and regret equally with them the faults alluded to; but they are of opinion that they would not be justified in pursuing the course pointed out to them by the Society.

I have the honor to remain, Gentlemen,

Yours very respectfully,

J. H. WATTS.

Chatham Street School of Medicine,

April 11, 1851.

To the President of the Medico-Ethical Society.

Sir,—By order of the Medical Board I beg leave to send you extracts from the minutes of proceedings passed at the meeting held this morning.

I am, most respectfully, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. WOODWARD, Secretary.

Royal Infirmary, Dispensary, &c.,

Manchester, April 24, 1851.

“Read a communication from the Medico-Ethical Society.”

Resolved—“That the control of the Medical Board is limited to the conduct of the pupils within the wards of the Hospital, and they decline to entertain the proposal of the Medico-Ethical Society now submitted to them, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Medico-Ethical Society.”