

course is held at the Ear Institute in June. Anderson's College, Glasgow, has special courses for ear diseases in November and May, and at the Aberdeen General Dispensary there is a course which extends from April to June. At many other hospitals clinical practice can be attended, and full particulars will be furnished by the Secretaries.²

At many of these special hospitals, also, a certain number of appointments as clinical clerks or clinical assistants are available. No doubt these posts are mostly filled by senior students or newly-qualified men, but as the special hospitals are not connected with schools, there is nothing to prevent senior men taking them up. The field is very large, and the opportunity for gaining technical knowledge is great, as the work is done in connection with, and under the eye of, a member of the staff. At the children's hospitals, both at Great Ormond Street and at Shadwell, and also at the Evelina Hospital, appointments of this kind can be obtained.

DEGREES FOR PRACTITIONERS.

SINCE it was formerly the almost universal custom for medical students educated in London not to seek a University degree, and as that custom still prevails to a considerable extent, a very large proportion of medical men in actual practice in England possess diplomas to practise but not degrees in Medicine. The want of a degree and of the title of "Doctor" is often a subject of regret in after-life, and certain universities have issued special regulations under which the degree of M.D. is granted to practitioners of a certain standing under special conditions. The regulations of these universities are stated briefly in the following paragraphs. The University of Brussels also grants the degree of M.D. to practitioners after examination, without restrictions as to residence or curriculum; but this degree is not registrable on the *Medical Register* if obtained subsequently to June, 1886.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

Registered medical practitioners of not less than three years' standing, and not less than 25 years of age, who shall pass, or have already passed, the Matriculation and Preliminary Scientific Examinations, may proceed to the Intermediate and M.B. Examinations without the intervals prescribed by the Regulations, on producing certificates that they have gone through the required course of training at any time previously (see p. 528).

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.

The degree of M.D. is granted by the University of Durham to registered practitioners of not less than fifteen years' standing, who have been qualified and in practice for that period, upon the following conditions without residence: The candidate must be 40 years of age, and must produce a certificate of moral character from three registered medical practitioners. If he have not passed previously to the professional examination in virtue of which his name was placed on the *Register* an examination in Arts, he is examined in classics and mathematics; if otherwise, he is required to translate into English passages from Cæsar, *De Bello Gallico* (first three books), Virgil, *Æneid* (first three books), or Celsus (first three books); he is afforded an opportunity of showing proficiency in Moral Philosophy, Greek, or some modern language, but no extra marks are awarded for these subjects.

Professional Examination.—The candidate must pass an examination in the following subjects: i. Principles and Practice of Medicine, including Psychological Medicine, Hygiene, and Therapeutics; ii. Principles and Practice of Surgery; iii. Midwifery and Diseases Peculiar to Women and Children; iv. Pathology, Medical and Surgical; v. Anatomy, Medical and Surgical; vi. Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology. The examination is conducted by means of printed papers, clinically, in the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle, and *vis à voce*. The classical portion of the examination may be taken separately from the professional, on payment of a portion (£10 10s.) of the full fee.

²The *Journal of Laryngology*, May, 1896, published a full tabular statement, giving the hours of attendance, fees, etc. The fees range from 1 to 5 guineas.

Foreign and Colonial Practitioners.—Natives of India or the British Colonies are placed on the same footing as natives of Great Britain. Natives of India may produce evidence from an Indian university that they have passed within one year an examination in Latin and in Greek, Persian, or Sanskrit.

Fees.—The inclusive fee is fifty guineas; if a candidate fail to pass twenty guineas are retained, but if he present himself again forty guineas only are required.

Dates, etc.—The examinations are held twice a year, at the end of April and of September. Notice, accompanied by the fee and certificates, must be sent to Professor Howden, Secretary of the University of Durham College of Medicine, Newcastle-on-Tyne, at least twenty-eight days before the commencement of the examination.

UNIVERSITY OF BRUSSELS.

British practitioners of medicine holding medical and surgical qualifications are, in common with legally-qualified practitioners in other countries, admissible without further curriculum to the examination for the degree of M.D. of the University of Brussels.

Examination.—The examination is divided into three parts. The "First Doctorate" includes Medicine, Pathology (with microscopical examination), Therapeutics, Mental Diseases, and Diseases of Women and Children. The "Second Doctorate" comprises Surgery, Midwifery, Hygiene, and Medical Jurisprudence. The "Third Doctorate" consists of clinical examination in Medicine and Surgery, examination in Midwifery with the mannequin, Ophthalmology, Operative Surgery (amputation, ligature of arteries in the dead subject), and Regional Anatomy with Dissections. Special importance is attached to practical knowledge. The examination is conducted in French through an official interpreter, but most of the examiners, it is stated, speak English fluently. The examination is *vis à voce*, but a written examination may be obtained on paying a special fee of £1 for each part.

Dates.—The examinations take place on the first Tuesday in November, December, February, May, and June. It is desirable that the candidate should arrive in Brussels on the previous Saturday before 2 P.M. at latest. The whole examination (First, Second, and Third Doctorate) may be got through in about a week, and seldom exceeds eight to ten days.

Fees.—Candidates are required to leave their diplomas with the Registrar of the University prior to the examination. The fees are: for inscription of name, £8 12s.; for examination, £13; for legalisation of diploma, 8s.; total, £22. If a candidate fail in the first part of the examination the fees for the second and third are returned to him; if in the second, the fees for the third. A rejected candidate may present himself again in three months on paying the examination fees, provided his second appearance be in the same academic year (October 1st to June 30th); otherwise matriculation fee must be renewed, that is, fee for inscription of name.

Further particulars may be obtained from Dr. Major Greenwood, Hon. Sec. Brussels Medical Graduates' Association, 243, Hackney Road, London, N.E. An article containing a full description of everything concerning the degree was published in the *BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL* on September 15th, 1888.

N.B.—This degree, if obtained subsequent to June, 1886, is not registrable.

PUBLIC HEALTH OR STATE MEDICINE.

A MEDICAL officer of health of any county or of any single or combined district, with a population at its last census of 50,000 or more, or of any metropolitan district, or the deputy of any such officer, must be legally qualified for the practice of Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, and also either be registered in the *Medical Register* as the holder of a diploma in Sanitary Science, Public Health, or State Medicine under Section XXI of the Medical Act, 1866, or have been, during three consecutive years preceding the year 1892, a medical officer of a district or combination of districts in London or