

For many years, Sir Dominic Corrigan held the office of Physician to the College of Maynooth; and for the last ten years of his life, those of Physician in Ordinary to the Queen in Ireland and of one of the Commissioners of National Education in Ireland.

In August 1870, Sir Dominic was elected M.P. for the City of Dublin in the Liberal interest, after a sharp contest, in which, owing to the impending disestablishment of the Church, which he warmly advocated, somewhat more than the ordinary amount of difference was exhibited. He held his seat till the dissolution of 1874, taking an active part in the business of Parliament, and frequently addressing the House. Though holding a respectable position in the House of Commons, and occasionally speaking with effect, he never achieved there the success predicted by his friends. Many of these had grave misgivings, not only from the age (sixty-eight) at which he entered Parliament, but from the mode of his address not being of a character to conciliate that fastidious assembly. It was further feared that late watching, loss of sleep, and the fatigue of frequent travel to and from London, would ultimately impair his health, which, though previously vigorous, had latterly given indications of yielding in frequent and severe attacks of gout. By these attacks, which left his feet somewhat stiff and swollen, his capacity for active exercise was diminished. In 1874, he might have been re-elected for Dublin, but, to his honour be it said, he declined to accept his seat on the terms proposed by the Vintners, the then dominant interest in the city—namely, that he should forego his advocacy of the Sunday Closing Bill then before Parliament.

## MILITARY AND NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICES.

### ARMY MEDICAL BOARDS.

A CORRESPONDENT calls our attention to a statement made in a military journal, to the effect that every Surgeon-major will have to show to the satisfaction of a Medical Board "that he is fit for service at home and abroad before he can be promoted to the new rank of Brigade-surgeon"; and alleges that, inasmuch as the proceedings of these Medical Boards are secret, there are no means of testing their honesty or accuracy. We have not observed any clause in the Army Warrant recently published that lays down a rule for Brigade-surgeons before their promotion to pass through the ordeal just mentioned; but we presume it to be an admitted principle in all instances of promotion to a higher rank, that the officers promoted are fit for service in all respects. Our correspondent mentions some instances in which surgeons who have been examined as to their physical fitness for service in a higher rank, have been declared unfit for promotion; and others in which they have been declared fit for promotion, with what appears to be a strange disregard of evenhanded justice. We cannot credit that a "Medical Board"—that is, a committee of medical officers—would combine to give a dishonest professional opinion regarding fitness for service, or any other matter affecting the interests of an officer whose case may be submitted to their judgment, especially when the officer is one of their own body; at the same time, we cannot see why the grounds on which a decision is based should be kept secret in any instance. On the contrary, we think that every surgeon whose welfare is seriously injured by the decision of a board of officers, is fully entitled, in common justice, to be made aware of the circumstances which have led to that decision.

BRUSSELS MEDICAL GRADUATES' ASSOCIATION.—The first annual dinner of this Association was held on Wednesday, January 28th, when about twenty of the members and their friends were present. The President, Dr. J. Beresford Ryley, in proposing prosperity to the Association, referred to the great difficulty which beset British practitioners who were desirous of obtaining a degree; and said that, were some native university to open its doors to any practitioner able to pass its examination, without insisting on residence, it would supply a want felt throughout the whole of the profession, and would obviate the necessity of men seeking abroad what they were prevented from obtaining at home. Dr. F. E. Pocock, Honorary Secretary, in replying to this toast, with which his name had been coupled, gave a short sketch of the origin of the Association, and congratulated the members present upon the success of this the first annual dinner. The toast of the "Country Members" was responded to by Dr. Huthwaite of Nottingham. Dr. Stretch Dowse, in responding for the "Visitors", congratulated the members on having been able in so short a time to get up such a flourishing Association as the present. He had inquired carefully about the Brussels examination, and felt sure that it was a good one; and, for his own part, "his great regret was that he could not be a Brussels graduate".

## PUBLIC HEALTH

AND

### POOR-LAW MEDICAL SERVICES.

#### POOR-LAW MEDICAL APPOINTMENT.

NORTHEY, W. C., M.R.C.S. Eng., appointed Medical Officer to the Tavistock District and the Workhouse of the Tavistock Union, *viz* R. Elliot West, M.R.C.S., deceased.

## MEDICAL NEWS.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON.—The following gentlemen, having passed the required examination, were elected members at the quarterly meeting of the College, on January 29th, 1880.

Fowler, James Kingston, M.B. Cambridge, 35, Clarges Street, W.  
Huggard, William Richard, M.D. Queen's University, Hammersmith, W.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—The following gentlemen, having undergone the necessary examinations for the diploma, were admitted members of the College at a meeting of the Court of Examiners, on January 22nd.

Butler, George R., Yarmouth, Nova Scotia (St. Thomas's Hospital)  
Farmer, Ernest W. W., Boulogne-sur-Mer (University College)  
Gubbin, George F., Brixton Road (Westminster Hospital)  
Harper, Charles J., Hadleigh, Suffolk (Guy's Hospital)  
Harris, Frederick W. H. D., Ivy Bridge, Devon (University College)  
Hatton, George S., Newent, Gloucestershire (St. Thomas's Hospital)  
Hawkins, Frederick D. C., Clapham (St. George's Hospital)  
Jacob, Henry G., Southsea (Charing Cross Hospital)  
Peck, Edward G., Cambridge (St. George's Hospital)  
Powell, Henry A., University Street (University College)  
Winterbottom, Charles, Sloane Street (St. George's Hospital)

Fifteen candidates were rejected.

The following gentlemen were admitted members on January 23rd.

Atkin, Charles, Sheffield (Guy's Hospital)  
Billiard, Richard A., Nottingham (King's College)  
Bissill, Arthur K., L.S.A., Sleaford (St. Bartholomew's Hospital)  
Buckell, Arthur E., Chichester (University College)  
Gilkes, Malin D'O., Leominster (Guy's Hospital)  
Harries, Arthur J., Llanelly (University College)  
Henty, Sydney H., Camden Road (University College)  
Knight, William, Sutton (St. Bartholomew's Hospital)  
Mathews, Sidney R. H., Bickley (Guy's Hospital)  
Palmer, John, Langport, Somerset (King's College)  
PHELPS, Philip, Weston-super-Mare (St. Bartholomew's Hospital)  
Phillips, Lawrence H. K., Brighton (Guy's Hospital)  
Sers, Clement H., Lewisham Road (St. Thomas's Hospital)  
Smith, James S., Salisbury (Guy's Hospital)  
Towison, Harry J., Wingfield, Derbyshire (St. Bartholomew's Hospital)  
Whitworth, William, St. Agnes (Guy's Hospital)

Ten candidates were rejected.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN.—At the Winter Commencements, held on Wednesday, December 17th, 1879, in the Examination Hall of Trinity College, the following Degrees in Medicine and Surgery were conferred by the University *Caput*.

*Bachelor in Surgery*.—George Henry Manning, Beatty Wallace, John A. de Courcy Williams, Joseph Dallas Pratt, and Robert Henry Johnston.

*Bachelors in Medicine*.—George Henry Manning, Wallace Beatty, Malcolm Henry Moore, and Richard Henry Stewart Sawyer.

*Master in Obstetrics*.—William Henry White.

*Master in Surgery*.—William Ireland Wheeler.

*Doctors in Medicine*.—Thomas Kinley Hamilton, Nicholas John Halpin, Edmund Sharkey, William Alexander Fitzgerald, and Stephen Flood (*in absentia*).

The Honorary Degree of *Doctor in Utrouque Jure* (LL.D) was also conferred on James Henry Reynolds.

UNIVERSITY OF DURHAM.—Primary examination for degrees in Medicine and Surgery. The following have satisfied the examiners.

Cheatham, Walter Henry, M.R.C.S.  
Giles, Bernard Faraday, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.  
Lloyd, George Jordan, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.  
Mantle, Alfred, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.  
Fardington, George Lucas, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.S.A.  
Porter, William Smith, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.  
Roué, William Barrett  
Seager, Herbert West, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.  
Wills, Joseph Pearce Budgett  
Wray, Charles

One candidate referred in botany, and two candidates referred in all subjects, will be permitted to re-enter for examination in April next.