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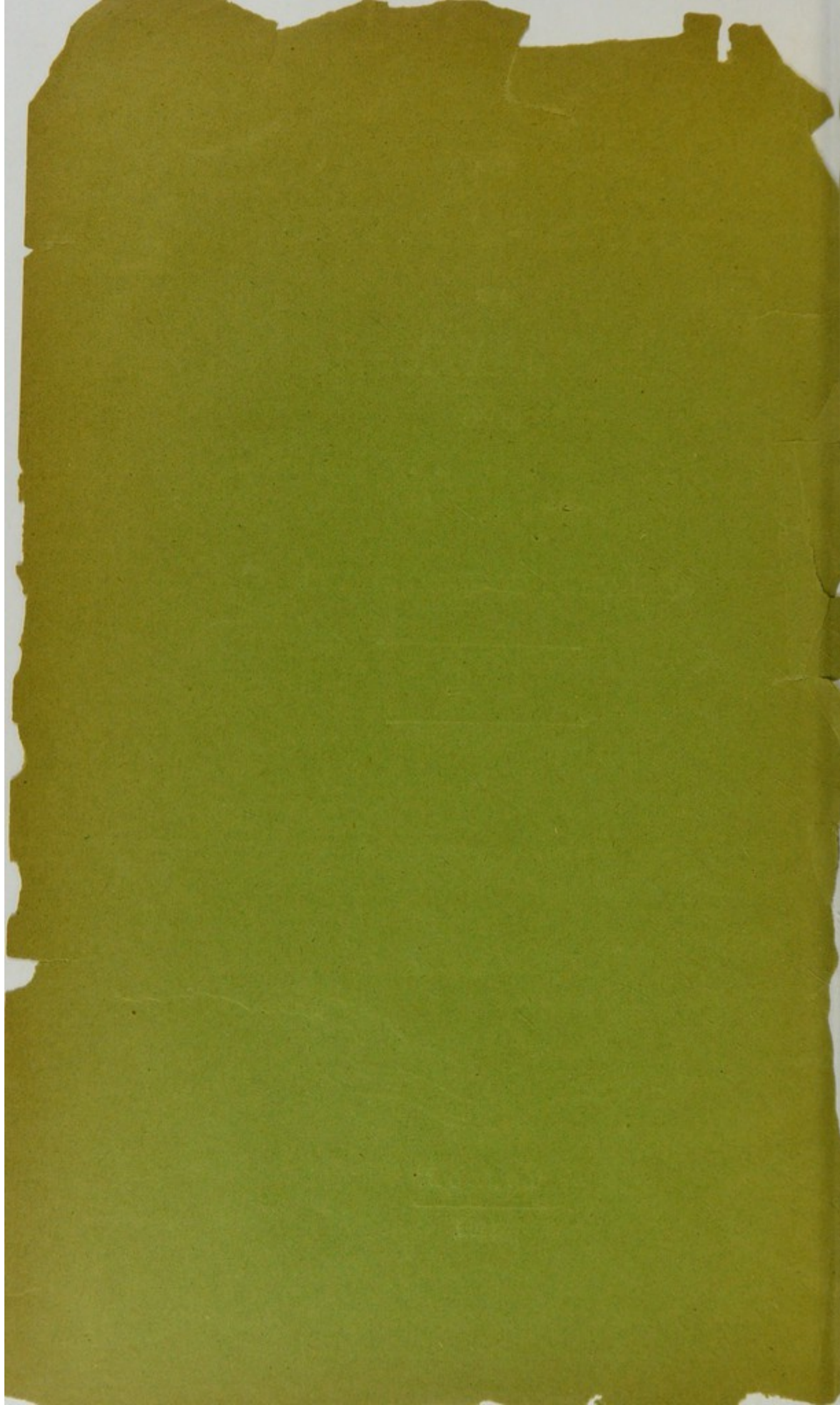
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## BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO LICENTIATES.

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The College will, under its Charter, grant Licences (which LICENTIATES are not to extend to make the Licentiates Members of the Corporation) to persons who shall conform to the Bye-Laws and Regulations.

Under the provisions of Clause XIX of the Medical Act (1858), an agreement was entered into in February, 1883, between the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Surgeons of England to form a Con-joint Examining Board, and to provide that every Candidate who shall have passed the Final Examination conducted by the Board shall, subject to the Bye-Laws of each College, be entitled to receive the Licence of the College of Physicians and the Diploma of Member of the College of Surgeons.

It was further agreed that each College should abstain from the exercise of its independent privilege of giving a qualification for admission to the *Medical Register* with respect to all Students who should commence their Professional Studies on and after 1st October, 1884.

This agreement remains in force.

### BYE-LAW CLXIX.

The Licentiates of the College shall have the use of the Library and Museum, subject to the Regulations relating thereto, and shall be admitted to all Lectures, and shall enjoy such further privileges as may from time to time be defined by the Bye-Laws. <sup>Their Privileges.</sup>

## BYE-LAW CLXX.

How eligible. Every Candidate for the College Licence (unless specially exempted) shall be required to produce satisfactory evidence of having passed, before the commencement of Professional Study, one of the Preliminary Examinations on subjects of General Education recognized by the General Medical Council.

By Preliminary Examination.

## BYE-LAW CLXXI.

By Registration. Every Candidate shall be required to produce satisfactory evidence of having been Registered as a Medical Student by the General Medical Council, not less than fifty-eight months previously to admission to the Final Examination, unless specially exempted.

## BYE-LAW CLXXII.

By Age, &c. Every Candidate shall be required to produce satisfactory evidence of being Twenty-one Years of age, and of Moral Character.

## BYE-LAW CLXXIII.

By Course of Study. Every Candidate shall be required to produce satisfactory evidence of having completed the Course of Study required by the Regulations.

## BYE-LAWS CLXXIV.

By Examinations. There shall be Four Professional Examinations: a First Examination, a Second Examination, a Third, and a Final Examination, each being partly written, partly oral, and partly practical.

## BYE-LAW CLXXV.

By Notice. Every Candidate intending to present himself for Examination shall give 14 days' notice in writing to the Registrar of the College or other appointed Officer, at the same time transmitting the necessary Certificates.

BYE-LAW CLXXVI.

The subjects of the First Examination shall be:—

First Examination.

Chemistry, including Chemical Physics.

Practical Pharmacy.

Elementary Biology.

Elementary Anatomy.

BYE-LAW CLXXVII.

A Candidate rejected in the First Examination shall not be re-admitted to Examination until after the lapse of three months from the date of rejection.

Re-examination.

BYE-LAW CLXXVIII.

The subjects of the Second Examination shall be:—

Second Examination.

Anatomy.

Physiology.

BYE-LAW CLXXIX.

A Candidate rejected in the Second Examination shall not be re-admitted to Examination until after the lapse of three months from the date of rejection.

Re-examination.

BYE-LAW CLXXX.

A Candidate shall not be admitted to the Third Examination till the expiration of two years after he has passed in the subjects of both the First and the Second Examination.

Third Examination.

BYE-LAW CLXXXI.

The subjects of the Third Examination shall be:—

Medical Anatomy and Pathology, the Principles and Practice of Medicine and Therapeutics,\* Practical Pharmacy and Pharmacology (Physiological Action of Drugs).

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\* Candidates who have passed in Practical Pharmacy at the First Examination will not be re-examined in that subject at the Third Examination.



Surgical Anatomy and Pathology, the Principles and Practice of Surgery.

Midwifery and Diseases peculiar to Women.\*

Forensic Medicine and Public Health shall be subjects included in the Final Examination.

BYE-LAW CLXXXII.

Re-examination.

A Candidate rejected in the Third Examination shall not be re-admitted to Examination until after the lapse of six months from the date of rejection.

BYE-LAW CLXXXIII.

Final Examination.

A Candidate shall not be admitted to the Final Examination till the expiration of one year after he has passed in the subjects of the Third Examination.

BYE-LAW CLXXXIV.

The subjects of the Final Examination shall be:—

- I. Clinical Medicine.
- II. Clinical Surgery.
- III. Midwifery and Diseases peculiar to Women.\*

BYE-LAW CLXXXV.

Re-examination.

A Candidate rejected in the Final Examination shall not be re-admitted to Examination until after the lapse of six months from the date of rejection.

BYE-LAW CLXXXVI.

Exemptions.

Any Candidate who shall produce satisfactory evidence of having passed an Examination for a Degree in Medicine in the subjects of Parts I and II of the First Examination, conducted at a University in the United Kingdom, in India, or in a British Colony, shall be exempt from re-examination on those subjects in which he has passed.

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† Candidates may present themselves for Examination in Midwifery and Diseases of Women at the Third Examination or at the Final Examination.

BYE-LAW CLXXXVII.

Each Licentiate shall have the following Form of Qualifica- <sup>Form of</sup>  
tion to practise Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, given to him, <sup>Licence.</sup>  
under the Seal of the Corporation, signed by the President, and  
by the Examiners:—" *I, A. B.,* *President of the*  
*Royal College of Physicians of London, with the consent of the*  
*Fellows of the same College, have, under the authority given to us*  
*by Royal Charter and Act of Parliament, granted to C. D., who*  
*has satisfied the College of his proficiency, our Licence under the*  
*said Charter, to practise Physic, including therein the practice of*  
*Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, so long as he shall continue to*  
*obey the Statutes, Bye-laws, and Regulations of the College relating*  
*to Licentiates: In witness whereof, we have this day set our Seal*  
*and Signatures."*

*Dated at the College, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,*  
*in the year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_.*

*Signed \_\_\_\_\_ President.*

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\_\_\_\_\_ } *Examiners.*

*N.B.—This document shall be signed by the Licentiate with his usual signature, and by the Registrar with the following words:—" I certify that C. D., to whom this Licence has been granted by the College, and whose signature is subjoined, has been duly admitted to practise Physic, as a Licentiate of the College, and that such Licence is a legal authority to him to practise Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, and to dispense Medicines, but only to those who are his own patients."*

*Licentiate \_\_\_\_\_*

*Registrar \_\_\_\_\_*

**Form of Admission.**

## BYE-LAW CXXXIII.

Promise of  
Licentiates.

Every Candidate, before receiving the College Licence, shall be required to pledge himself by subscribing his name to the following words:—

*“I faithfully promise to observe and obey the Statutes, Bye-Laws, and Regulations of the College relating to Licentiates, and to submit to such penalties as may be lawfully imposed for any neglect or infringement of them.”*

**Fee.**

## BYE-LAW CXLII.

The Fee to be paid for the Licence to practise Physic as a Licentiate of the College shall be Fifteen Guineas.

**Of the College List.**

## BYE-LAW CXXXV.

College List  
to be pub-  
lished  
annually.

A List of the Fellows, Members, Extra-urbem Licentiates and Licentiates of the College, with their places of residence as existing on the first day of January in every year, shall be printed annually under the direction of the Censors, and a copy of such list certified under the College Seal shall be sent to the Registrars of the Branch Medical Councils for England, Scotland, and Ireland.

## BYE-LAW CXXXVII.

College List  
held correct.

The College List shall be considered as containing a correct list of all the Fellows, Members, Extra-Licentiates, and Licentiates of the College, and it shall be incumbent on each one to ascertain that his name and residence are correctly entered thereon.

BYE-LAW CXXXVIII.

Every official letter or notice which shall be sent by the Registrar or Bedell to any Fellow, Member, Extra-Licentiate, or Licentiate of the College, addressed to him by his name, at his place of residence as entered on the College List, shall be considered to have reached him, and he shall be deemed to have sufficient notice of the contents of such letter or notice, and shall be bound and concluded thereby.

Letters sent accordingly, a sufficient notice.

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*Of the Duties and Conduct of Fellows, Members, and Licentiate.*

BYE-LAW CLII.

No Fellow, Member or Licentiate of the College shall officiously, or under colour of a benevolent purpose, offer medical aid to, or prescribe for, any patient whom he knows to be under the care of another legally qualified Medical Practitioner.

Conduct as to Practice.

BYE-LAW CLIV.

No Fellow, Member, Extra Licentiate, or Licentiate of the College shall assume the title of Doctor, or append to his name the title of Doctor of Medicine, or the letters M.D., or any other letters indicating that he is a Graduate of a University, unless he has obtained a degree entitling him to do so.

BYE-LAW CLV.

No Fellow, Member, or Licentiate of the College shall refuse to make known, when so required by the President and Censors the nature and composition of any remedy he uses.

Remedies to be made known.

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BYE-LAW CXXXVIII.—Regulation.

In all official communications between the College and its Fellows, Members, Extra-Licentiate, or Licentiate, the titles employed shall be in accordance with the registered qualifications of the person addressed.

## BYE-LAW CLVI.

Resignation of  
Diploma to be  
made in writ-  
ing.

That no Fellow, Member, or Licentiate be permitted to resign his Fellowship, Membership, or Licentiateship, as the case may be, unless he has signified to the Registrar in writing his desire so to do, and unless such resignation has been accepted by the College.

## BYE-LAW CLVII.

Licentiates  
for whom to  
dispense.

Licentiates of this College shall not compound or dispense medicines, except for patients under their own care.

## BYE-LAW CLVIII.

Limitation of  
Title.

No Licentiate of this College shall, by virtue of his Licence, represent himself as being a Fellow or Member of the College.

## BYE-LAW XLIX.

The Censors shall, in accordance with the Charter of Henry VIII., confirmed by Act of Parliament, inquire into any alleged misconduct or infringement of the Bye-Laws by Fellows, Members, or Licentiates, and shall carry into effect the Bye-Laws and Regulations of the College in regard to such matters.

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On the 27th day of December, 1881, the College passed the following Resolution:—

*“That while the College has no desire to fetter the opinion of its Members in reference to any Theories they may see fit to adopt in connection with the Practice of Medicine, it nevertheless considers it desirable to express its opinion that the assumption or acceptance by Members of the profession of designations implying the adoption of special modes of treatment is opposed to those principles of the freedom and dignity of the profession which should govern the relations of its Members to each other and to the public.*

*“The College therefore expects that all its Fellows, Members, and Licentiates will uphold these principles by discountenancing those who trade upon such designations.”*

## Of Fines and Penalties.

## BYE-LAW CLXV.

If it shall at any time hereafter appear, or be made known to the President or Censors, that any Fellow or Member of the College has obtained admission into the College, or that any Licentiate of the College has obtained the Licence of the College by fraud, false statement, or imposition, or that any Fellow, Member, or Licentiate has been guilty of any great crime or public immorality, or has acted in any respect in a dishonourable or unprofessional manner, or has violated any Statute, Bye-Law, or Regulation of the College relating to Fellows, Members, or Licentiates, as the case may be, the President and Censors\* may call the Fellow, Member, or Licentiate so offending before them, and having investigated the case, may admonish, or reprimand, or inflict a fine not exceeding £10; or, if they deem the case of sufficient importance, may report the case to the College, and thereupon a majority of two-thirds of the Fellows present at a Meeting of the Fellows, which must be specially summoned for that purpose, may declare such Fellow to be no longer a Fellow or a Member of the College, as the College shall determine; or such Member to be no longer a Member of the College; or such Licentiate to be no longer a Licentiate, and his Licence shall be revoked and withdrawn; and such Fellow, Member,

Of Fellows,  
Members,  
Licentiates,  
for mis-  
conduct.

On the 27th day of July, 1882, the College passed the following Resolution:—

*“That the system of extensively advertising Medical Works, and the custom of giving, whether for publication or not, laudatory Certificates of Medicinal and other Preparations or of Medical or Surgical Appliances is misleading to the public, derogatory to the dignity of the Profession, and contrary to the traditions and resolutions of the Royal College of Physicians.”*

\* See 1 Mary, Sess. 2, Capt. IX.

or Licentiate shall forfeit all the rights and privileges which he does or may enjoy as a Fellow, or as a Member, or as a Licentiate, as the case may be; and his name shall be expunged from the list of Fellows, or from the list of Members or from the list of Licentiates, as the case may be, accordingly.

### Of the Library.

#### BYE-LAW LXXXIII.

Reading  
Room.

A Reading Room at the College, for the convenience of Fellows, Members, and Licentiates using the Library, shall be open daily, Sundays, and such other times as the Library Committee shall direct, excepted.

#### *Regulation 1.*

*The Reading Room shall be open from One o'clock until Six o'clock.*

#### *Regulation 2.*

*Medical Officers of the Army, Navy, and Indian Service, who have retired and are not in practice, may be admitted to the privileges of the Reading Room, and to all Lectures delivered in the College, on making application to the Registrar in writing, accompanied by a recommendation from some Fellow or Member of the College, or from the Head of the Department to which they belong. The application to be renewed after twelve months.*

#### *Regulation 3.*

*The Librarian, conjointly with the Registrar, shall be empowered, on the recommendation of a Fellow of the College from personal knowledge, to grant permission to any Medical Man to read in the College for a period not exceeding three months; such permission to be reported to the Library Committee at its next meeting.*

#### BYE-LAW LXXXVIII.

No Book shall be supplied from the Library to any Fellow, Member, or Licentiate without an order signed with his name, and such order shall be returned to the holder of the Book on its return to the Bedell, or other official in attendance.

