

The CHAIRMAN.—One of the sections states that from the 1st of January no person shall be entitled to recover, unless registered as a surgeon.

Mr. FITZ PATRICK said, many of the surgeons who practised as such before the passing of the recent Act asked the Medical Council to allow them still to practise and recover their fees as before, when the Council replied that they had no right or power to regulate the provisions of the Act.

The CHAIRMAN.—The question before the Bench is this: Here is an Act of Parliament, passed last year, which requires all persons who practise as surgeons to be registered as such. The application which this gentleman (Mr. Fitz Patrick) makes is not one to prevent the defendant practising as an apothecary, but as a surgeon. The defendant puts the word surgeon on his door, and on the labels attached to his bottles when he makes up a prescription, and that is clearly an offence under this Act—there is no doubt about that.

Mr. SNOWBALL.—Will you, sir, give us a case to carry up to the Court of Queen's Bench? It is a question of great importance. By the Act of Henry VIII.—

The CHAIRMAN.—Don't let us go back to the times of Henry VIII. I see the provisions of that Act apply to "sorceries, witchcrafts, and any other inconvenience." (Laughter.) If you can show that the defendant has registered under the Act of Parliament as a surgeon, the case is ended. I am afraid if I were to practise as an attorney, Mr. Snowball, you would say I must be bound by the law.

Mr. SNOWBALL.—I must again ask if you will grant us a case? It is a very important case, and there is a difficulty, without a doubt.

The CHAIRMAN.—There is no difficulty about it, in my opinion.

Mr. SNOWBALL after reiterating his opinion that his client was right in acting as he had done, read a long but not a very definite letter from the solicitor to the Apothecaries' Company to the defendant, expressing the writer's opinion upon the Medical Act in question. Mr. Snowball again asked the Bench to grant a case.

The CHAIRMAN said they all knew that there was some little jealousy in all professions, especially in learned professions, when any man began to practise who was not legally qualified. In the case he had just mentioned, for instance, that of an individual practising as an attorney who had no legal right to do so, he apprehended the legal profession would oppose him.

Mr. SNOWBALL.—For myself, I wish everyone were allowed to practise as an attorney, for there would be a great deal more law. (Laughter.)

The CHAIRMAN.—The question in the present case is not one of law, but of fact. You see that, according to an Act of Parliament, the defendant is to be registered if he practises as a surgeon. Now, his name does not appear on the Register, and, therefore, we are unanimously of opinion that a clear breach of law has been committed. Looking at the case as practical men, and taking the common-sense view of it according to the English language, we do not feel any doubt. The gentleman is practising as a surgeon; he has his name over the door as a surgeon; he has it on the bottle that he is a surgeon as well; and it is clear that if he is a surgeon he must be registered as such. He could have applied to be registered if he thought fit. Under any circumstances, we must levy a small penalty; and if the gentleman is legally qualified to practise as a surgeon, he must follow the usual course, and become registered.

Mr. SNOWBALL.—We cannot do that.

The CHAIRMAN.—Then you must take the consequences. We cannot help you.

A penalty of 20s. was then inflicted upon the defendant for practising as a surgeon without being duly registered according to the requirements of the Act.

Mr. SNOWBALL again applied to the Bench to grant a case, when the Bench (after consulting with their clerk) replied that they were informed by their legal adviser that they could not do that.

Mr. ATHERTON (the clerk).—You have no right to apply to grant a case.

Mr. SNOWBALL.—The object of the surgeons connected with Mr. Fitz Patrick is, I suppose, now quite satisfied; and I presume, therefore, that the second information against the defendant (that of signing a certificate without being legally qualified to do so) will be withdrawn?

Mr. FITZ PATRICK.—Yes; certainly.

The second information was then withdrawn, and the defendant left the Court accompanied by his friends.

DUMFRIES CIRCUIT COURT OF JUSTICIARY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 1859.

FRAUD ON THE REGISTER.

(Before Lord Justice Clerk (INGLIS) and Lord NEAVES.)

JOHN BROATCH, designating himself a surgeon, and residing at Orchard Cottage, Ruthwell, Dumfriesshire, was charged with having committed a fraud upon the Medical Register, in having caused his name to be inserted therein as a licentiate of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, on the faith of a certificate that he was possessed of a diploma dated March, sworn to by the defendant, and attested by Dr. James Murray M'Culloch. In the course of the evidence given, it appeared that neither Dr. M'Culloch nor Mr. Waugh, the county magistrate before whom the affidavit was made, had ever seen the diploma referred to, but that the former had attested its existence on the representations made to him by the defendant—that he was actually possessed of the diploma in question.

On a reference to the diploma book of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, which was produced in court, the name of John Broatch was not found therein. After some evidence, tending, but by no means conclusively, to show that the defendant had once actually possessed a diploma, which had become lost, the advocate depute addressed the jury, asking for a verdict of guilty; and Mr. Gifford, the counsel for the defendant, having also spoken, the Lord Chief Justice Clerk summed up. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the prisoner was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

THE LONDON MEDICAL REGISTRATION ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING of the Committee was held at the offices of the Association, No. 5, Charing-cross, on Wednesday evening last, Dr. Kirby in the chair. A large amount of correspondence was read. Amongst the resolutions agreed to was one that the question of the right of dentists to assume the title of "surgeon" dentists should be immediately brought to an issue, and the steps to be taken were determined on. Votes having been taken, it was unanimously carried that several other prosecutions should be commenced; and, as will be seen by an advertisement in our columns, the annual general meeting of the Association was fixed to take place at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, the 3rd of November ensuing.

UNIVERSITY INTELLIGENCE.

CAMBRIDGE, OCT. 3RD.

THE examinations for medical degrees in the present Term will commence on Monday, the 14th of November, at nine A.M., in the Arts' Schools.

Gentlemen, candidates for the degree of M.B., intending to offer themselves for examination, are requested to signify the same to the Regius Professor of Physic on or before the 31st day of October, specifying whether they intend to offer themselves for the first or second examination only, or for both examinations for that degree.

N.B. The classical subjects for the ensuing examination for the M.B. degree are:—

Aræteus.—"On the Causes and Symptoms of Acute Diseases." The first five Chapters of the first Book.

Hippocrates.—The 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th Sections of the Aphorisms.

Celsus.—The 4th and 6th Books.

Candidates must produce their certificates before admission to examination.

Bachelors or Licentiates of Medicine, or Masters of Arts, desirous of proceeding to the degree of M.D. in the present term, are requested to communicate their intention without delay to the Regius Professor of Physic, with a view to the arrangements necessary for their public exercises in the schools.

The Pass Examination in Botany will commence in the Senate-house, at two o'clock, on Monday, Oct. 17th.

TESTIMONIAL.—A testimonial, consisting of a purse of 20 guineas, has been presented to W. C. T. Wagstaff, Esq., M.R.C.S., on his removing from Isleworth, where he has acted as medical assistant for the last nine years, to conduct a practice in Northampton on his own account.

He blamed it on his medication, claiming that it had completely changed his personality. The association with impulsive behaviours makes sense, because L-dopa is essentially providing the brain with a dose of extra dopamine – in Parkinson’s disease the part of the brain that produces it is progressively destroyed – and the hormone is involved in providing us with feelings of pleasure and reward. In fact, DeRubeis, Golomb and Mischkowski are all of the opinion that the drugs they’re studying will continue to be used, regardless of their potential psychological side-effects. "We are human beings, you know," says Mischkowski. "We take a lot of stuff that is not necessarily always good in every circumstance. After talking through his decision with his doctors, friends and mother, he decided the time was right to tell his story. I don’t want people to think, "Oh, you’ve been chosen," he said. "No, it just happened." With the support of his partner at the time, Mr. Castillejo persevered. He turned the passion for cooking he had inherited from his grandmother into a job as a sous chef at a fashionable fusion restaurant. He adopted an unfailingly healthy lifestyle: He ate well, exercised often, went cycling, running and swimming. After marching through well-known shopping destinations in central London, the protesters converged with Free Palestine protesters in Parliament Square on Saturday afternoon. Police officers formed a line hoping to block the majority of marchers from filling the square, directing them instead back down Parliament Street. Shirley Jones, a librarian from Crystal Palace, urged Boris Johnson to 'sack the philandering and rule breaking' after Mr Hancock was accused of hypocrisy for breaching Covid regulations to kiss his married aide. Mr Hancock had put Mrs Coladangelo, a friend from university, on the public payroll only last year. He made no comment on claims he was having an affair with the 43-year-old in his apology yesterday, but added: 'I have let people down and am very sorry.'