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11th May 1866.

Read the following papers :—

CIRCULAR.

No. 57. From Assistant Surgeon D. B. SMITH, M. D., Officiating Professor of Midwifery, Calcutta Medical College, and Editor of the "*Indian Medical Gazette*," to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Calcutta, 10th April 1866.

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3. Feeling confident that this might be made a most valuable medium of Medical instruction for Sub-Assistant Surgeons, I venture to hope that His Excellency the Governor will favorably receive the proposition which I now submit, that each Dispensary in Madras should be supplied with a copy of the *Indian Medical Gazette* at the cost of the local Government. Such cost would be wholly disproportionate to the assistance which, from our Prospectus it will be seen, we hope to lend to the general development of Medical Science.

4. Twelve single copies of the Journal cost Rupees 12 in Calcutta, and might, I presume, be forwarded gratis to any part of India by public frank, so that fifty copies would be received month by month for an annual expenditure of Rupees 600 (six hundred Rupees).

5. If the project meets with the approval of His Excellency the Governor, it is hoped that the estimate may be included in the forthcoming budget. The fourth number of the Journal is forwarded with this letter.

P. S.—I am glad to be able to add that His Honor the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal has been pleased to sanction the taking of fifty copies of the *Indian Medical Gazette*, for distribution amongst Sub-Assistant Surgeons in Bengal.

From Assistant Surgeon D. B. SMITH, M. D., Officiating Professor of Midwifery, Calcutta Medical College, and Editor of the "*Indian Medical Gazette*," to the Secretary to the Inspector General of Hospitals, Her Majesty's British Forces in India; dated Calcutta, 9th February 1866.

I have the honor to forward to you the two first numbers of the *Indian Medical Gazette*, a new monthly Periodical which, with the knowledge of Government, I am at present editing; and I would beg the favor of your laying these before the Inspector General of Hospitals, Her Majesty's British Forces in India.

2. I have the honor to request that the Inspector General may (if he should approve of the contents of this letter) be pleased to represent to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief the advantages that would result from a wide circulation of the *Indian Medical Gazette* amongst the

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members of the Subordinate Medical Establishment attached to the Hospitals of Her Majesty's British Forces in India.

3. It is, I apprehend, a matter of great importance that the Apothecaries, Stewards, Assistant Apothecaries, and Medical Apprentices in the Public Service should have a knowledge of the current literature of Medicine and Surgery. The rate of pay of these servants of Government will not, however, admit of their ordering, at their own expense, those English Medical Periodicals in which they could study the views of men who are acknowledged leaders in Science. I beg to submit the opinion that, in the pages of the *Indian Medical Gazette*, not only would they find a summary of the most important considerations which are engaging the attention of men of Science in Europe, but that they would have laid before them very careful and detailed reports of such Indian diseases as they are called upon daily to study and to treat. They will there find lectures and memoirs upon the most practical subjects relating to the diseases which soldiers, their wives and children, are all subject to. They will see in the columns of the *Indian Medical Gazette* notices and reviews of all recent works likely to increase their knowledge of the Science and Art of Medicine, Surgery, and Obstetrics; and they will also find much that will closely bear upon the proper internal arrangements of Hospitals, and the care of soldiers under every variety of circumstance.

4. That the placing before them of such knowledge, in a condensed and readable form, month by month, is calculated greatly to increase their efficiency and value to Government, will not, I think, be questioned. They would thereby improve their minds, and increase their practical knowledge through a medium of mental training and education, which they do not at present enjoy.

5. I am inclined to believe that, with such a Periodical in their hands, not only would their professional qualifications be enhanced, but their interest in Medicine, and their zeal in the performances of duties, often responsible and trying, greatly stimulated.

6. Regarding the matter from this point of view, I beg most respectfully to solicit from the Inspector General of Hospitals, Her Majesty's British Forces in India, a recommendation addressed to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, that a copy of the *Indian Medical Gazette* be taken, and paid for, by Government, for each of the Hospitals of Her Majesty's Regiments in India, for the use of the Subordinate Medical Officers of the said Regiments.

7. I believe that about a hundred copies would be sufficient for the carrying out of this plan; the cost of the Journal being Rupees 12 per mensem, the expenditure now asked for would amount to Rupees 1200 for the entire year.

8. Trusting that this proposal may be favorably received and directly recommended by the Inspector General of Hospitals, Her Majesty's British Forces in India, and that it may meet with the approval of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, I have the honor to be, &c.

Referred to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, for his opinion.

27th April 1866.

(Signed) J. GROSE,
Under Secretary.

No. 58. From the Officiating Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 2nd May 1866, No. 162.

With reference to your Endorsement of the 27th April 1866, on the letter as per margin, herewith returned, I have

From Dr. D. B. Smith, Editor of the "*Indian Medical Gazette*," No. 462, dated Calcutta, 10th April 1866.

the honor to state that the *Indian Medical Gazette* is a very well conducted

Medical periodical, and deserving of the patronage of Government.

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2. I would beg to recommend that 21 copies be subscribed for, to be distributed as follows:—

	Copies.	
Principal Inspector General's Office.....	1	
Deputy Inspector General of Hospitals, Presidency.....	2	
Do. do. Bangalore.....	2	} For circulation to Medical Subordi- nates in their res- pective Circles.
Do. do. Rangoon.....	2	
Do. do. Nagpore.....	2	
Do. do. Hyderabad.....	2	
Do. do. Bellary.....	2	
Do. do. Vizagapatam...	2	
Do. do. Trichinopoly..	2	
Civil Dispensary, Pollachy.....	1	} Under the charge of Native Sur- geons and Assis- tant Apothecaries.
Do. Manargoody.....	1	
Do. Conjeverum.....	1	
Do. Negapatam.....	1	

No. 59. ORDER THEREON, 11th May 1866, No. 477.

The Governor in Council directs that Dr. David B. Smith be informed, with reference to his Circular of the 10th ultimo, that the Madras Government will take 21 copies of the *Indian Medical Gazette*. He will be good enough to forward the copies direct to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.

2. The Accountant General will arrange for the quarterly payment of the Government subscription to this periodical at the advance rate.

(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To Assistant Surgeon D. B. Smith, M. D., Editor of the
Indian Medical Gazette, Calcutta.

To the Accountant General.

,, Principal Inspector General, Medical Department,
with No. 4 of the Gazette.

Exd. J. H. Burns.

PROSPECTUS

OF

A NEW INDIAN MEDICAL JOURNAL,

TO BE CALLED

The Indian Medical Gazette,

A

MONTHLY RECORD OF MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SCIENCE.

ON the 1st January, 1866, a new Indian Medical Journal will appear; it will be called "THE INDIAN MEDICAL GAZETTE, a MONTHLY RECORD OF MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SCIENCE."

It will be published by MESSRS. WYMAN AND CO. of Calcutta; and the Editorial superintendence of it will be conducted by DR. DAVID B. SMITH, *Offg. Professor of Midwifery in the Calcutta Medical College.*

The co-operation of every Member of the Medical Profession throughout the three Presidencies of India is solicited in behalf of this new undertaking.

The main objects of the Journal may be briefly enumerated as follows:—

1st. To rescue from oblivion much valuable experience in the practice of Medicine and Surgery; the careful recording of which will, it is believed, materially benefit not only the Medical Profession, but the interests of general Society.

2nd. To establish a bond of Professional sympathy between the three sister Presidencies; and to facilitate communion of thought and interchange of opinion between Medical men in India, however distantly removed they may be from each other.

3rd. To afford facilities for the expression of opinions bearing on the interests of the Indian Medical Service; by which it is distinctly meant to include the interests of the Medical Department of the *Queen's Army* in India, the Local and General Services being regarded as *one*, in spirit and in purpose.

4th. To further, to the utmost possible degree, the advancement of Medical Science, in the widest acceptation of the term.

To ensure the attainment of the above ends, the Editor and Publishers will do their utmost to obtain the regular assistance of those who are known and respected in different parts of the country, whether in the Public Service or out of it.

The printing of the Periodical will be of the best description.

The subjects treated of will comprise the widest range; and anything directly or indirectly bearing on Indian Pathology or Therapeutics will be carefully published.

The most immediately practical papers will be prominently brought forward; but contributions on subjects such as Meteorology, Geology, and other cognate Sciences will be gladly received; and they will at all times find a special place in the Journal.

In each issue of the *Medical Gazette*, a certain number of original contributions will appear.

Questions of general Service interest will be regularly touched upon in the Editorial columns.

The Publishers will import Overland, from England, America, and the Continent of Europe, all the current Medical Literature of the day, and every new important Medical work as soon as it appears. Every Standard Work will be discussed under the heading "Reviews of Books."

An abstract will be printed of the most important Proceedings of English, Foreign, and Indian Medical Societies; and careful extracts will also be reproduced from the leading Journals of different countries.

Reports of Indian Hospital practice will be particularly acceptable. Measures will be adopted for obtaining such reports regularly from the large Hospitals of Calcutta; and it is to be particularly desired that similar information may be received from Bombay and Madras. It may be accepted as an indisputable fact that the Hospital experiences of hundreds of Civil Surgeons stationed over the length and breadth of India, would, if carefully collated, be of deep interest and value.

The observations, too, of Surgeons in charge of, or attached to, Regiments scattered over the entire Peninsula, cannot but be of the most weighty moment to the cause of Medical Science and the welfare of the British Army. There are also many Civil Practitioners—particularly in the Presidency Towns—whose accumulated knowledge would be most interesting and useful if it were only published. The Editor and Publishers of this Journal would therefore anxiously appeal *individually* to every Medical man in India for assistance in furthering the permanent record of all such observations and experiences.

Besides what has been noted above, certain numbers of the new Journal will contain a summary of *Departmental information* of different kinds, such, for instance, as bears on Statistical Science, on Sanitation, or on Medical Jurisprudence.

A short *resumé* will be given of General Medical Intelligence, Indian and European; and *General Orders and Domestic Occurrences* relating to the Medical Services will also be published.

Lastly, a liberal space will be always reserved for *General Correspondence*, and the fair discussion of subjects affecting private interests. It may, however, be well to state, *ab initio*, that this Journal will on no account be permitted to become a medium for unrestrained Political discussion of any sort, or for unproductive party strife.

The utmost freedom of opinion will be encouraged, so long as its object is manifestly reasonable and philanthropical, and its expression temperate and well-judged.

It may here be mentioned that the project has been approved of by the Heads of the Medical Department in Calcutta; and it can hardly be doubted that it will also meet with favor in the eyes of the Public Press as well as at the hands of the Supreme and Local Governments. It must, however, mainly rely on its own intrinsic merits; and these must depend, to a great degree, upon the zeal and good-will of the many hundreds of Medical men in India, whose sympathy and assistance are now solicited in behalf of a scheme, the success of which cannot fail to reflect many benefits on their Profession.

It is with no desire whatever to injure, or even to rival Medical Periodicals already existing in India, that the present Journal is originated. It is believed that there is ample room for a *New Monthly Record*, and that its appearance will be hailed by a large number of readers.

It is not proposed to issue the first Number of the new Journal until JANUARY 1st, 1866, by which time complete arrangements will have been matured with England and the three Presidencies of India. Meanwhile any suggestions or contributions will be thankfully received.

The Journal will consist of 24 pages *quarto*, (of which the annexed page is a specimen as to size, &c.), and its price will be *one rupee eight annas* for each Number, for advance half-yearly subscriptions; below which rate, it is quite impossible to produce such a Publication in India.

The Publishers are sanguine of success, if the Profession support the Journal as it will be their interest to do; and the Editor appeals to his friends and brother Officers throughout India for their cordial support and co-operation.

A Form of Requisition is annexed, which, it is solicited, may be filled up by intending Subscribers, and returned to the Publishers.

Suggestions, and literary and scientific contributions, &c., are solicited from all interested in the success of the Journal.

GEORGE WYMAN & Co.,
Hare Street, Calcutta.

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DAVID B. SMITH, M. D.,

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Dr D.B. Smith
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Under Secretary

27 April 1866

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