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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Department,
23rd January 1867.*

No. 177. Read the following letter from the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, to the Chief Secretary to Government, Fort Saint George; dated Fort Saint George, 20th November 1866, No. 412.

With reference to the Order of Government, Public Department, of the 2nd May last, No. 454, paragraph 2, I have the honor to forward, for the information of the Right

No. 93 of 30th October 1866.

Honorable the Governor in Council, two documents, 1st, a report from the Board of Examiners, stating that the result of the examination held on Native Surgeon S. Jesudasen on the 30th of October last was unsatisfactory; 2nd, from the President of the Board of Examiners, submitting a general statement of the nature and extent of the examination to which Native Surgeon S. Jesudasen was submitted.

No. 95 of 12th November 1866.

2. The President's letter is in reply to a request from me to be furnished with a general statement, shewing the nature of the questions regarding which the examining Board deemed the Native Surgeon's replies to be unsatisfactory.

3. To facilitate reference, I have marked with a red pencil the various subjects upon which the Native Surgeon was examined.

4. The examination was evidently one of a most practical character, and the subjects upon which Mr. Jesudasen was examined were those which every man practising the profession of Medicine and Surgery ought to be familiar with.

5. The letter from the President shews that in the eight different subjects on Medicine in which the Native Surgeon was examined he gave unsatisfactory replies to all, except the one marked *d*.

6. In Surgery, Mr. Jesudasen is reported to have "had inaccurate views " regarding the details of reduction (of dislocation of the shoulder and hip joint), " and he did not reply satisfactorily to questions on the differential diagnosis of " dislocations of the head, and fracture of the neck, of the Femur."

7. A person without a knowledge of the mode of reducing dislocations, and incapable of distinguishing between fractures of the neck and dislocations of the head of thigh bone, is necessarily unable to treat these grave accidents.

8. The opinion given in paragraph 2, marked '*a*,' having reference to foecal poisoning, and that in paragraph 4 of the President's letter, marked '*n*,' are not very reconcilable.

9. Mr. Jesudasen has been a Native Surgeon for upwards of fourteen years. To qualify for his second increase he, with two other Native Surgeons, appeared on the 3rd of April last before a Board of Examiners, who reported him unqualified.

10. Upon this Mr. Jesudasen, in a letter* to the Chief Secretary to Government, solicited permission to be re-examined, and the Right Honorable the Governor in Council was pleased to order that he should again appear for examination on the expiration of six months.

* Proceedings of Government, Public Department, 2nd May 1866, No. 454.

11. The report of the Board of Examiners and the letter from their President shew the result of the second examination. None of the gentlemen who formed the first Board were Members of the second.

12. The Board of Examiners have recommended that Mr. Jesudasen should be permitted to appear for examination in another year, upon the grounds that

"they are inclined,
"however, to believe
"from the fact that,
"on certain practical points, the replies were intelligent and correct."
It was to elicit this
"fact that the letter
in the margin was
addressed to the President of the Committee.

No. 4469.

To
SURGEON MAJOR G. SMITH, M. D.,
President of the Committee.

SIR,
I have the honor, by desire of the Principal Inspector General, to request, with reference to your report on Native Surgeon Jesudasen, that you will have the goodness to furnish me with a general statement showing the nature of the questions, regarding which the Committee deemed the Native Surgeon's replies to be unsatisfactory.

2. The Principal Inspector General, in reporting the results of the examination to Government, will probably have to furnish some such particulars as are now asked for.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) W. R. CORNISH, Surgeon,
Secy. Priv. Inspec. Genl., Medl. Dept.

5th November 1866.

President of the Committee.

13. I regret that the facts given in the President's letter do not, in my opinion, justify the recommendation of the Board of Examiners.

From the Committee of Examiners, to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department; dated Madras, 30th October 1866, No. 93.

In accordance with the orders of the Principal Inspector General, conveyed in a letter, No. 4360, dated 25th October, the Committee of Examiners therein appointed met at the Medical College on Monday the 29th October, at 3 P. M., for the purpose of examining Native Surgeon Jesudasen, agreeably to G. O. G., No. 168 of 20th August 1852.

2. The examination lasted two hours, and embraced the subjects of Practical Medicine, Surgery, and Hygiene, the attention of the Examiners being directed towards ascertaining whether Native Surgeon S. Jesudasen possessed an intelligent and practical knowledge of these important subjects.

3. The Committee regret to report that the result was, on the whole, unsatisfactory; they are inclined, however, to believe from the fact that, on certain practical points, the replies were intelligent and correct; that Native Surgeon S. Jesudasen will be ready to appear for re-examination one year hence, provided, in the meantime, he conducts his professional studies with the requisite care and attention.

From the President of the Committee of Examination, to the Secretary to the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department; dated Madras, 12th November 1866, No. 95.

With reference to your letter, number and date as marginally noted, the Committee has the

No. 4469, dated 4th November 1866.

honor to submit a general statement of the nature and extent of the examination held on Native Surgeon S. Jesudasen Pillay at the Medical College, on the 29th of October 1866.

2. *Medicine.*— Mr. Jesudasen Pillay was examined on the subject of Typhoid and Typhus fevers, with reference to their nature, symptoms, and differential diagnosis, and, as regards Typhoid fever, with special advertence to its connection with fœcal poisoning. The replies given were unsatisfactory. An examination on Remittent and Intermittent fevers showed that the Native Surgeon was not well acquainted with the former of these important diseases. He was further questioned on the subject of *Ascaris Vermicularis* and of *Vermes* generally, but gave his replies with more hesitation and with less accuracy than was to have been expected from a practical medical man.

To questions on the differential diagnosis of Hepatic, Cardiac, and Renal dropsies he gave ready and correct answers. His examination on the wide subject of Valvular diseases of the heart was very unsatisfactory. With dysentery in its nature, course, varieties and general treatment he

appeared to be familiar, though he failed to convince the Committee that he had studied the subject up to the level of the knowledge of the day. His examination in Bright's disease was unsatisfactory, and he failed to show that he was conversant with the nature and varieties of Herpes.

3. *Surgery.*— A general examination on the subject of Fractures and Dislocations satisfied the Committee that he had a fair knowledge of these subjects. With the varieties of Dislocation of the shoulder and hip joints he was familiar, but he had inaccurate views regarding the details of dislocation of the head, and fracture of the neck, of the Femur. He further gave very unsatisfactory answers to queries on Hospital Erysipelas, and he failed to explain satisfactorily the treatment of Epistaxis.

He replied, however, with tolerable readiness and accuracy to questions upon fracture of the forearm, and of the oscula close to the ankle joint (Pott's fracture.)

4. *Hygiene.*— Mr. Jesudasen Pillay was examined on the important, practical, and extensive subject of food. His replies were decidedly unsatisfactory, showing that he had not carefully studied this branch of Hygiene. He replied readily and correctly, however, to questions bearing upon the preservation of public health during epidemics of Zymotic disease, and with the important subject of Disinfectants he appeared to be quite familiar.

5. The examination of Mr. Jesudasen Pillay was, as a whole, so unsatisfactory as to warrant the Committee in rejecting the examinee, and in recommending a prolonged period of study as a necessary preliminary to his re-appearance before a similar Board.

No. 178. ORDER THEREON, 23rd January 1867, No. 87.

With the foregoing letter the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department, submits the report of a Committee on the late examination of Native Surgeon S. Jesudasen, which was held in pursuance of the Order of Government of the 2nd May last. The report is to the effect that the examination embraced the subjects of Practical Medicine, Surgery, and Hygiene; that the attention of the Committee was directed towards ascertaining whether Native Surgeon S. Jesudasen possessed an intelligent and practical knowledge of those important subjects; that the result was, on the whole, unsatisfactory, but that the Committee were inclined to believe, from the fact that on certain practical points the replies were intelligent and correct, Native Surgeon Jesudasen would be ready to appear for re-examination a year hence, provided that in the meantime he conducted his professional studies with the requisite care and attention.

2. The Principal Inspector General of the Medical Department dissents from this recommendation, on the ground that the examination was of most practical character; that the subjects of examination were those which every man practising the profession of Medicine and Surgery ought to be familiar with, and that in seven out of the eight subjects in which Native Surgeon Jesudasen was examined, the replies were unsatisfactory. Mr. Shaw adverts in particular to the Native Surgeon's ignorance of the mode of reducing dislocation, and his incapacity to distinguish between fractures of the neck and dislocations of the head of the thigh bone, as unfitting him to treat these grave accidents.

3. The Governor in Council regrets to receive so unfavorable a report on the examination of Native Surgeon Jesudasen, and it is not without considerable hesitation that he resolves to give Dr. Jesudasen another trial. Adverting, however, to the recommendation of the Examining Committee, that Native Surgeon Jesudasen should be permitted to appear again for examination at the end of twelve

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months, His Lordship in Council will permit the Native Surgeon to retain his appointment for a further period of one year, provided that within that time he shall pass a satisfactory examination, and that during the interval he shall vacate his appointment on the Municipal Commission, in order that he may be enabled to devote the whole of his time to his professional studies.

4. The Principal Inspector General will ascertain and report whether Dr. Jesudasen desires to retain his appointment as Native Surgeon on these terms.
(True Extract).

Chief Secretary.

To the Principal Inspector General, Medical Department.
,, Examiner of Claims.

Public Department.

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Read letter from the Prin. Insp: General
Medical Department.

(See rules 20th Nov 1866. No. 412.)

Order thereon 23rd Jan'y. 1867. No. 87.

With the foregoing letter the Principal Inspector General Medical Department submits the report of a Committee on the late examination of Native Surgeon S. Sesudassen which was held in pursuance of the order of Government of the 2nd May last. The report is to the effect that the examination embraced the subjects of Practical Medicine, Surgery and Hygiene, that the attention of the Committee was directed towards ascertaining whether Native Surgeon S. Sesudassen possessed an intelligent and practical knowledge of those important subjects; that the

I think that we may give him a year for the purpose of the Committee. In the opinion of the Committee that period of 12 months may be for not far from himself he may be discharged.

I don't object - at the same time I don't

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result was on the whole unsatisfactory but that the Committee were inclined to believe from the fact that on certain practical points the replies were intelligent and correct, a Native Surgeon Jendaseen would be ready to appear for re-examination in a year hence provided that in the meantime he conducted his professional studies with the requisite care and attention.

2. The Board also General of the Medical Department objects to this recommendation on the ground that the examination was of most practical character that the subjects of examination were those which every man practising the profession of medicine and surgery ought to be familiar with, and that in seven out of the eight subjects in which Native Surgeon Jendaseen was examined the replies were unsatisfactory. It should be noted in particular that the Native Surgeon's ignorance of the mode of reducing dislocation and his incapacity to distinguish between fractures of the neck and dislocations

"Neglect of medical study" is the ground on which a Committee is to base its ~~recommendation~~ recommendation for the removal of a Native Surgeon, or the postponement of his promotion - In his present position of Municipal Commissioner being in Medical charge of some establishments in which some I don't see how Mr. Jendaseen is to avoid neglecting medical study unless he neglects other duties for the performance of which he is paid. If he is to be permitted to stay on for another year & at the close be again examined in professional matters, I think he ought to be required to relinquish temporarily his Municipal position.

Certainly the letter of details from the President of the Exam. Committee does not conflict with that of the General Committee at the time the Committee had arrived in respect of Mr. Jendaseen. But on reconsideration of this unfavorable report of two separate Committees at an interval of six months I should have been fully disposed to adopt the course suggested by the P. S. General had it not been for the knowledge of his position.

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of the head of the thigh bone, as unfitting him to treat these grave accidents.

3. Under these circumstances the Governor in Council concurs in the opinion of the P. S. General that Native Surgeon Jendaseen is unfit for the position of Native Surgeon and accordingly directs that he be removed from it from the date on which this order may be communicated to him.

3. The Governor in Council regrets to receive so unfavorable a report on the examination of Native Surgeon Jendaseen and it is not without considerable hesitation that he resolves to give Dr. Jendaseen another trial. Adverting however to the recommendation of the Examining Committee that Native Surgeon Jendaseen should be permitted to appear again for examination at the end of twelve months, His Lordship in Council will permit the Native Surgeon to retain his appointment for another period of one year, provided

The P. S. Med. Depart. Committee of Council

that within that time he shall
have a satisfactory examination
and that during the interval he
shall vacate his appointment
in the Municipal Commission
in order that he may be enabled
to devote the whole of his time
to his professional studies.

4. The C. A. General will
ascertain and report whether
the Commission desires to retain
his appointment as District
Surgeon on these terms -

Dated 23rd January 1864.

PROCEEDINGS OF GOVERNMENT.

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