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[Despatch Abstract.]

HOSPITAL ASSISTANTS.

Communicating to the Surgeon-General a letter from the Government of India forwarding a circular on the subject of the examination of Civil Hospital Assistants for and before their promotion to a higher grade.

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Nos. 10-354 to 360, dated Simla, the 9th July 1878.  
From - C. Bernard, Esq., C. S. I., Offg: Secy. to the  
Government of India.

To - The Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

Ditto ditto ditto of the N. W. P and Oudh

Ditto ditto ditto of the Punjab.

The Chief Commissioner of British Burma.

Ditto of the Central Provinces.

Ditto of Mysore and Coorg.

The Resident at Hyderabad.

With reference to the annexed copy of a letter from the  
Surgeon General, Indian Medical Department, No. 240, dated  
the 23rd May last, and Home Department reply No. 353, dated  
this day, on the subject of the examinations of, and  
standard of qualifications required from, students at medi-  
cal schools and colleges before they are passed out, I am  
directed to invite attention to para. 10 of Home Department  
Resolution Nos. 1-17 to 29, dated the 9th January 1878, and  
to request the submission of a full report shewing the cur-  
riculum of study prescribed in each school in with

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copy of any rules that  
may exist regarding the  
standard which each

student has to pass before he is passed — as fit for the  
public service.

No. 240, dated Fort William, the 23rd May 1878.

From - J. P. Beatson, Esq., Surgeon General, Indian Medical  
Department.

To - The Offg: Secretary to the Government of India.

With reference to your Office letter No. 248 of the  
11th instant, requesting me to submit a copy of the rules  
for examination of medical pupils wishing to become Hospital  
Assistants, I have the honour to state for the information  
of Government that the examination of passed medical pupils

has been left to the authorities of medical schools, and that each medical school possesses detailed rules on the subject.

2. Though differing a little in details, the practice in the different schools ( Bankipur, Nagpur, Agra and Lahore ) is essentially the same, consisting in -

(1) test examinations at the end of each session on the subjects taught during the session; and

(2) a final examination on all the subjects included in the curriculum at the end of the third or last session.

3. These test examinations are conducted by the teachers of the school under the superintendence of the Principal. They serve as the means of filtering out bad and idle students who are not likely to pass the final examination, or to prove useful servants of the State. They thus, to a certain extent, supplement the final examination, besides subserving the important purpose of indicating the subjects in which each pupil is proficient or deficient.

4. The final examination is carried on at Bankipur and Lahore by a committee of medical officers unconnected with the school, generally presided over by a Deputy Surgeon General, and assisted by the Principal and teachers. At Agra and Nagpur the examination is conducted by the Principal and teachers. The subjects on which they are examined are simply those which they have been taught - the essential subjects embraced in a course of medical study - anatomy ( including physiology ), materia medica ( including elementary chemistry ), surgery, medicine and midwifery. The examination is conducted orally for the most part, and its results are registered according to a system of numerical values or marks.

5. Should Government desire more detailed information on the subject, I would suggest that the Principal of each school be asked to furnish a copy of the latest rules laid down under the approval of the several Local Governments.

No. 353, dated Simla, the 9th July 1878.

From - C. Bernard, Esq., C. S. I., Offg: Secretary to the Government of India.

To - The Surgeon General, Indian Medical Department.

From Surgeon General, Indian Medical Department,  
No. 1771, dated 13th March 1878.  
To ditto ditto No. 248 d/- 11th May 1878.  
From ditto ditto No. 240 d/- 23rd May 1878.

With reference to  
the letters marginally noted on the

subject of -

(1) the examination of Hospital Assistants for ( and before ) their promotion to a higher grade, and  
(2) ~~the examination of~~ and standard of fitness required from, students at medical schools and colleges before they are passed out and admitted to the rank of Hospital Assistant.

I am directed to communicate the following observations.

2. The extracts of rules from the new Code of Medical Regulations enclosed in your letter dated the 13th March last lay down the manner by which, and the subjects in which, the examination for promotion of Hospital Assistants should be conducted. These rules shew that no distinction is drawn between military and civil Hospital Assistants; but you suggest the expediency of dispensing with the provision for examining civil Hospital Assistants by a committee as in the case of military Hospital Assistants, and of allowing the former to be examined by a single medical officer.

3. The Government of India are not, as at present advised, disposed to accept this relaxation of the rule in favour of civil Hospital Assistants; and they consider it desirable that both branches of the service- civil and military - should, as far as possible, be placed on the same footing as regards examination and standard of qualification. For the present the rules, as now drawn, should remain unaltered, whereby both military and civil Hospital Assistants are required to attend the same examination, to answer the same questions, and to be tested by the same standards.

4. With regard to the remark made in your letter of the 23rd ultimo that there are no general rules or standards by which medical pupils are passed out of colleges as fit to practise I am to say that, with reference to para. 10 of Home Department Resolution Nos. 1-17 to 20, dated the 9th January 1870, Local Governments and Administrations under which medical

schools exist have been asked to submit a report shewing the standard and curriculum prescribed at each school under them.

( True Copy )

*C. S. Samson*  
Registrar, Home Department..

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From

C. H. A. Hill, Esq.,

Under Secretary to the Government of India.

To

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Madras.

Calcutta, the 10<sup>th</sup> February 1896.

Home Department.

( Medical )

Sir,

In continuation of the letter from this office No. 28 Medl. 891, dated the 12th December 1895, I am directed to forward herewith for the information of His Excellency the Governor in Council a copy of the Home Department Circular No. 10-354 to 360, dated the 9th July 1895 (with enclosures) referred to therein, on the subject of the examination of Civil Hospital Assistants for and before their promotion to a higher grade.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient Servant,

*C. H. A. Hill*  
Under Secretary to the Government of India

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