

CHAIR of PEDIATRICS

Extract from the Minutes of a meeting of the COUNCIL of the MEDICAL FACULTY held on NOVEMBER 25th, 1922.

"CHAIR of PEDIATRICS: Prof. Finley read the following report from the Department of Medicine on the desirability of filling the Chair of Pediatrics:-

"Your Committee regards Pediatrics as an important department of Medicine, as disease in childhood constitutes a large portion of the work of all general practitioners.

"There are, however, but few morbid conditions in childhood which are not found in adult life, and a complete course on the subject would, therefore, lead to much duplication with the subject of General Medicine. We believe the subject can be efficiently taught by giving students opportunities of handling and examining children in the wards and outdood departments of the hospitals, and in special clinics devoted to young children. In addition a short course of clinical lectures and demonstrations are desirable, dealing with subjects peculiar to childhood, as infant feeding, rickets, pre-natal conditions and child-welfare.

"There seems to be no reason to place the subject of Pediatrics on a higher plane than other medical specialties, such as Neurology, Psychiatry, or Phthisiology. Should a man of sufficient eminence develop or be attracted by the opportunities offered of teaching or research work, it would be to the advantage of the University to secure his services. The title of Clinical Professor of Pediatrics would be a suitable designation for the post and in harmony with the titles of teachers in other departments of medicine and surgery.

"Such an appointee should be capable of stimulating and directing research work in the department, and if otherwise suitable might be placed in charge of the department, working in close collaboration with the Department of Medicine.

"Meanwhile it is believed that the interests of the students are being fully safeguarded by the arrangements at present in force, the teaching being carried on satisfactorily by members of the Medical staff, devoting special attention to this branch of medicine.

(Signed)

"F. G. Finley.

Moved by Prof. Finley, seconded by Prof. Martin, that this Report be adopted. Carried."

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