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GENERAL COUNCIL OF MEDICAL EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION.

At a meeting of the general committee on education held in London on the 19th June, two important resolutions were adopted; one of which is similar to the regulation of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada. This one is "that all students pass an examination in general education before they commence their professional studies," and the other defines what testimonials in substitution of that examination shall be accepted, among which we find "a degree in arts of any University of the United Kingdom or of the Colonies." This preliminary requisite should be fully understood by all gentlemen who propose to complete their professional education in the mother country, and graduate there. It was furthermore resolved that students who cannot produce such a testimonial must pass an examination in Arts, to be conducted by a special Board of Examiners in Arts.

At a meeting of the general medical council held on the 20th, it was decided that "the license of the Apothecaries Hall of Ireland was not equivalent to a degree or license in medicine from a University or College authorised to grant such, as there does not appear to be any provision or authority for examining in medicine."

At this meeting a letter was read from Mr. Alexander Fiddes, practising in Jamaica W. I., complaining that the medical bill lately passed by the Legislature of that island and requiring the registration of every practitioner, interfered with his privileges as an F.R.C. S.L., the diploma of which entitled him to practice in any part of her Majesty's dominions, and requesting the interference of the Council to prevent its receiving Her Majesty's assent unless modified. The Council appears to have interfered, the result of which was a letter stating that the Colonial Legislature would be called upon to amend the act in that respect before it could receive the Royal assent.

It is our opinion that if the medical profession of Jamaica have sought a legal defence of their interests in a Medical Bill, the compliance with the rule of mere registration would have been a simple affair on the part of Mr. Fiddes, who on going to that island to earn his living ought to have had no compunction in