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MONTREAL

FACULTY OF MEDICINE
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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Sir Arthur Currie, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.,
Principal & Vice-Chancellor.

Dear Sir Arthur:-

With reference to affiliation of the Eastern Medical College with McGill University, it seems to me after studying the curriculum and considering the question in general, that it would be rather a difficult problem for us to consider at this great distance.

There are so many problems which would of necessity have to be considered before one could get a union of that kind that a negative reply would be the only possible answer to give.

Sincerely yours,

J. Simpson
for Dr. Martin
Dean

Dict. by Dr. Martin.

The Eastern Medical College

134, Collin Street,
~~19, Dharmatala Street.~~

Calcutta 17th January 1923

To
 The President,
 University of McGill.

(India)

Sir,

(^W McGill Medical College)

Being directed by the Governing Council of the College I beg most respectfully to lay the following lines for your kind and favourable consideration :-

(1) That, as is well-known, there is a deplorable want of well-qualified medical men all over Bengal and as hundreds of our youngmen anxious to study medicine, cannot be accommodated into the two medical colleges in the Province. The Governing Council of the College has already made necessary arrangements to teach upto the M. B. Standards in accordance with the regulations of the Calcutta University.

(2) That the Sree Visuddhavananda Saraswati Marwari Hospital and the Refuge Hospital ~~which~~ are fully equipped and upto-date. Institutions in the City. ~~students~~ In the Senior Classes as the University of Calcutta has fixed two beds per student vide ~~the~~ ^{it} regulation chapter XXIV, *which we have.*

However, our students have ample opportunities for specialising themselves in mental, eye, ear-nose-throat, venereal, skin, children and infectious diseases besides Obstetrical, Gynaecological, Medical and Surgical cases as different wards are provided for the purpose.

(3) That the members of our teaching staff are the pick and cream of the medical profession, and they are devoting their valuable time for the affairs of the College and Hospital Clinics. The College is established on a philanthropic and patriotic basis and the sacrifices of the staff, which are remarkably admirable, are for their nation and their country.

(4) That though 30.5 per cent population have been dying annually on the country owing to want of medical help (vide report of the Director of Public Health Bengal 1921) the Government is still unwilling to recognise the Institution under the misapprehension that it is under the management of the -"-nationalities.

(5) That the Governing Council has resolved to seek affiliation from a foreign University and it is ready and willing to obey the rules and regulations framed by the same from time to time, if the College is affiliated to their University.

Under the circumstances, will you be kind enough to affiliate this Institution to your University ?

Enclosure :-

A copy of Prospectus and Syllabus.

Yours most truly,

S. P. Ghosh

Secretary.

P.S. Further I beg to suggest that the Examination may be arranged controlled by us or any other authorities appointed by you. The question paper would be sent from your University. The theoretical papers and marks of oral and practical examination would be sent to you for your judgment in conference of the degree upon the successful candidates.

February 26th 1924.

Dr. S. P. Ghosh, Secretary,
The Eastern Medical College,
134 Collin Street,
Calcutta, India.

Dear Sir:-

I am directed by the Principal to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 17th January last, proposing the affiliation of your Institution to this University.

The curriculum submitted by you has been carefully considered by the Medical Faculty, and some study has been given to the general questions involved.

It is felt that the means of communication between this country and India leave so much to be desired that there would be great difficulty in carrying out in a manner satisfactory either to your Institution or to this University the supervision which would be incumbent upon the University under such conditions.

There is moreover another difficulty, namely, that our staff lacks the thorough information regarding conditions in your country which would be so essential if they were to assume the great responsibilities which you have suggested.

Assuring you that the honour which you have paid to McGill in applying for affiliation is highly appreciated,

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

Wilfrid Bovey.