CHAPTER x.

An Act to amend the Royal Medical Benevolent College Act 1855. A.D. 1894.

[1st June 1894.]

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the 18th and 19th years of Her present Majesty chapter clxvi. intituled "An Act to incorporate the Royal Medical Benevolent College and for other purposes" (in this Act called "the Act of 1855") certain persons therein named and all other persons who according to the rules and regulations for the time being of the College were or thereafter might be life governors or governors of the association theretofore called "The Medical Benevolent College" were thereby declared to be one body politic and corporate by the name of "The Royal Medical Benevolent College" for the purposes following (that is to say) First To provide an asylum for duly qualified medical men and their widows in reduced circumstances Secondly To provide a school for the sons of duly qualified medical men And thirdly To provide annuities or occasional pecuniary assistance to duly qualified medical men in distressed circumstances or to their families when they could be granted without detriment to the asylum or school which were ever to be regarded as the principal objects of the College: 18 & 19 Vict. c. clxv.

And whereas by section 38 of the said Act it was enacted that it should be lawful for the College to educate at their schools with the foundation scholars to be elected by the Governors other children either as boarders or day scholars and either as exhibitioners or otherwise and that such children should be received on such terms of payment and other terms and conditions as should be fixed by the Council so nevertheless that the funds of the College applicable to the charitable objects of the foundation should not be diminished by the admission to the schools of such other children:

And whereas the said Royal Medical Benevolent College incorporated by the said Act (in the said Act and herein-after called "the College") has from time to time in exercise of powers contained in the said Act acquired a considerable tract of land on or near the

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Epsom Downs and has thereon built and from time to time added to large school buildings:

And whereas the College soon after its incorporation also erected in connexion with the said school buildings twenty-four sets of chambers as an asylum for the use of pensioners elected as provided by the said Act:

And whereas the College has in recent years admitted to and educated in the school the children of persons other than medical men as well as the children of duly qualified medical men and such admission of children of persons other than medical men has been and will be greatly for the benefit of the children of duly qualified medical men admitted and educated and to be admitted and educated at the said school:

And whereas doubts have arisen whether the College has power under section 38 of the said Act or otherwise to admit or educate at the said College children of persons other than medical men and it is expedient that such doubts should be removed and that the College should be empowered to admit and educate such children:

And whereas there are now fifty pensioners of the College the majority of whom prefer to reside in their own homes with pensions and the chambers not occupied by pensioners are let by the corporation to the school at a rent for the benefit of the pensioners:

And whereas residence in chambers within the College has been found to be repugnant to the feelings of the greater number of those whom it was the intention of the founders of the Royal Medical Benevolent College to benefit by the asylum referred to in the said Act that is to say duly qualified medical men and their widows in reduced circumstances and it is expedient in order to carry out the intentions of the said founders to benefit such persons that the granting of increased pensions to the general body of pensioners should be substituted for the provision of an asylum as one of the purposes of the College:

And whereas the objects aforesaid cannot be attained without the authority of Parliament:

May it therefore please Your Majesty that it may be enacted and be it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows:—

Short title.

1. This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Royal Medical Benevolent College Act 1894.

Commencement.

2. This Act shall come into force on the 1st day of July 1894 which date is herein-after referred to as the commencement of this Act.

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Purposes of the College.

3. Section ii of the Act of 1855 is hereby repealed and in place thereof it is enacted as follows The purposes of the College are as follows :—

First To provide pensions for duly qualified medical men and their widows in reduced circumstances ;

Secondly To provide a school for the sons of duly qualified medical men ; and

Thirdly To provide annuities or occasional pecuniary assistance to such duly qualified medical men or their widows or families in distressed or reduced circumstances as the College shall determine when such annuities or assistance can be granted without detriment to the pensions or school which are to be ever regarded as the principal objects of the College.

Power to use for purposes of the school buildings erected for an asylum.

4. From and after the commencement of this Act it shall be lawful for the College to use for the purposes of the school referred to in section 3 of this Act and as part of such school the whole or any part of any buildings which shall prior to the commencement of this Act have been erected or used by the College for an Asylum or in connexion therewith and to pull down rebuild alter or adapt the whole or any part of such buildings in order to render the same suitable for the purposes of the said school Provided that any pensioner who at the date of the commencement of this Act is resident in any part of the buildings of the College and is desirous and entitled according to the regulations of the College for the time being in force so to reside shall be provided with accommodation in the buildings of the College the same as or similar to that which is provided for such pensioner at the date of the commencement of this Act.

No obligation on part of College to provide asylum.

5. Subject to the provisions of the foregoing section the College shall be under no obligation to provide an asylum or any accommodation either within the buildings of the College or elsewhere for any pensioner or for any duly qualified medical man or for the widow of any duly qualified medical man.

Amendment of sections xviii and xxi of Act of 1855

6. From and after the commencement of this Act section xviii of the Act of 1855 shall be read and have effect as if the word "twenty" were therein contained in the place of the word "thirty" and section xxi of the Act of 1855 shall be read and have effect as if the words "two meetings" were therein contained in the place of the words "three meetings."

Amendment of section xxvi of Act of 1855.

7. From and after the commencement of this Act section xxvi of the Act of 1855 shall be read and have effect as if the words "and shall from time to time fix the salaries pensions and other remuneration to be paid to such officers agents and servants" were

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therein contained and inserted after the words "general meetings" in the eleventh line thereof.

Repeal of section xxxvi of Act of 1855 and enactment in lieu thereof.

8. Section xxxvi of the Act of 1855 is hereby repealed and in place thereof it is enacted as follows It shall be lawful for the College out of the funds which are in or may come into their hands from time to time and as to which no special application or appropriation is directed by the donors or testators thereof on any land which may be vested in or acquired by them under the powers of the Act of 1855 to erect such buildings for schools or for use in connexion with such schools as they may think proper for the benefit of all boys admitted to such schools whether the sons of duly qualified medical men or the sons of persons other than duly qualified medical men.

Power to make rules and regulations in respect of pensions schools asylum &c.

9. It shall be lawful for the College subject to the provisions of this Act from time to time to prescribe such rules and regulations as they may think proper—

(*a.*) As to the number of and the class or classes of duly qualified medical men and their widows to whom pensions may be given and as to the ages at which they may become eligible for such pensions the amount of such pensions and as to all other matters connected with such pensions and the granting thereof and the increase or diminution of such pensions as the funds of the College shall justify or require;

(*b.*) As to the number of and the class or classes of boys the sons of duly qualified medical men to be admitted to the schools and whether on the foundation or otherwise and as to the ages at which such boys may become eligible for admission and as to their rejection whether before or after they have been admitted as candidates and as to the period during which they shall continue in the schools and as to their expulsion or removal therefrom and generally for the admission rejection continuance in and removal or expulsion of such boys and also of boys other than and not being sons of duly qualified medical men and as to the terms of payment and other terms and conditions on which such boys may be received whether as boarders or day scholars and for the good government and general regulation of the schools and the inmates thereof and with respect to the benefits to be conferred therein or otherwise by means of the funds of the College;

(*c.*) For the good government and general regulation of the asylum so long as it exists and with respect to the benefits to be conferred therein or by the provision of annuities or occasional pecuniary assistance or otherwise by means of the funds of the College on duly qualified medical men or their

widows or families in distressed or reduced circumstances and the qualifications and conduct of such persons as aforesaid: All such rules and regulations shall be considered as byelaws for the regulation of the College within the meaning of the Act of 1855 and this Act and may from time to time be repealed altered or varied by the Council as other byelaws may be repealed altered or varied by them.

Repeal of section xxxviii of Act of 1855 and enactment in lieu thereof.

10. Section xxxviii of the Act of 1855 is hereby repealed and in place thereof it is enacted as follows It shall be lawful for the College to admit to and to educate at their schools with the sons of duly qualified medical men boys other than and not being sons of duly qualified medical men either as boarders or day scholars and such boys shall be received on such terms of payment and other terms and conditions as shall be fixed by the Council so nevertheless that the funds of the College applicable to the charitable objects of the foundation shall not be diminished by the admission to the schools of such other boys otherwise than by the cost of buildings authorised to be erected under the powers of the Act of 1855 or of this Act.

Power to borrow money.

11. It shall be lawful for the College to borrow or raise and secure the payment of money by mortgage or charge of any lands or property real or personal whereof or wherein the College shall have any estate or interest.

Power to change name of College.

12. It shall be lawful for the College at any time hereafter by a resolution passed at a general meeting of the Governors of the College to determine that the name of the College shall thenceforward be "Epsom College" in lieu of "The Royal Medical Benevolent College" or such other name as by such resolution as aforesaid they shall determine and upon the passing of such resolution the name of the College shall thenceforth be altered accordingly.

Existing byelaws to remain in force till altered.

13. All byelaws of the College in force at the date of the commencement of this Act shall notwithstanding the passing thereof so far as the same are applicable regard being had to the repeals and alterations herein contained continue in force until they shall be repealed or altered under the provisions of this or of the Act of 1855.

Costs of Act.

14. The costs charges and expenses attending or incident to the obtaining and passing of this Act shall be paid by the College.

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