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Hon. Dr. Grace.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' SOCIETY.

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A BILL INTITULED

AN ACT to incorporate the Medical Practitioners in the Colony. Title.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1. The Short Title of this Act is "The Medical Practitioners Society Act, 1881." Short Title.

2. In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Interpretation.
"District" means a deeds registration district as now constituted:

"General Council" means the General Medical Council established under this Act:

"Medical Practitioner" means a person registered under "The Medical Practitioners Registration Act, 1869."

INCORPORATION.

3. All medical practitioners within the colony are hereby incorporated as a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "The New Zealand Medical Society." The New Zealand Medical Society.

4. All medical practitioners aforesaid residing within the respective deeds registration districts of the colony are hereby constituted District Medical Associations (herein referred to as "District Associations") for the purposes of this Act. District Associations.

Incorporation of the
Medical Society.

5. The New Zealand Medical Society shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, and, as fully and effectually as any person in the colony may or can do,—

May sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and defend and be defended in all actions and suits in any Court ;

May from time to time purchase or otherwise acquire and hold lands and tenements, and also all manner of moneys, goods, and chattels whatsoever ; and,

Subject to the sanction of a general meeting to be held as hereinafter mentioned, may from time to time dispose of any such lands and tenements, either by sale, lease, or mortgage ; and

May do all things necessary to carry into effect and complete any transaction in relation to such acquisition or disposal of lands or tenements.

Medical practitioner
may decline or
withdraw.

6. Any medical practitioner may, by letter addressed to the President of the society, decline to become a member of the society, or may withdraw from the same, and shall thereupon cease to be a member thereof.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

General Council for
government of affairs
of the society.

7. For the rule and government of the society, and the better direction and management of the concerns thereof, there shall be a General Medical Council, to be elected from among the members of the society, and a President, to be elected by the General Council from among the members thereof.

Constitution of
General Council.

8. The General Council, including the President, shall consist of not more than twenty-six persons, chosen from time to time by each of the District Associations from amongst the members of such associations respectively, as follows :—

Four persons to be chosen by each of the District Associations of Canterbury and Otago ;

Three persons to be chosen by each of the District Associations of Auckland and Wellington ;

Two persons to be chosen by each of the District Associations of Hawke's Bay, Marlborough, Nelson, Taranaki, Southland, and Westland.

Conduct of elections.

9. The following provisions shall be in force in respect of the elections of the General Council :—

(1.) The Registrar-General shall, on or before the *first* day of *October*, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, by notice inserted during two successive weeks in a newspaper published in the chief town in every such district, call a meeting of the legally-qualified medical practitioners residing in such district ; such day of meeting shall be not less than *fourteen* nor more than *twenty-one* days after the date of the first publication of such notice.

(2.) The Registrar-General shall cause copies of the *New Zealand Gazette* containing the latest printed register of medical practitioners to be amended up to the *first* day of

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September, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one, in accordance with the register in his custody.

5 (3.) Accurate lists of medical practitioners residing within the several districts shall be extracted from such amended copy, and shall be printed as the district lists of members; and it shall be competent for the Registrar-General from time to time to correct the same, if it shall be proved to his satisfaction that any error has occurred in compiling the same.

10 (4.) Such district lists shall together form the roll of members of the society capable of voting at the elections of members of the General Council.

15 Every member shall have as many votes as there are candidates to be elected for the district wherein he resides, and no more.

No member shall have a vote, or be eligible to be elected, for any district other than that wherein he resides, nor shall it be competent for any member to vote by proxy.

20 Except at the first election, no person shall be entitled to vote at elections of the members of the General Council, unless he shall be a member of the society.

25 (5.) The Registrar-General shall send a copy of the roll for every such district to the Registrar of such district, to be by him delivered to the Chairman of the meeting upon the day of his election.

30 (6.) At the meeting held in every district, in accordance with the said notice, three shall form a quorum; the meeting shall appoint a Chairman, and thereupon the members of the General Council shall be elected by ballot; the Chairman shall have an original and also a casting vote.

35 (7.) The Chairman of every such meeting shall immediately thereafter notify to the Registrar-General the names of those persons who have been elected as members of the General Council, and upon receiving the same the Registrar-General shall publish the list of the members elected in the *New Zealand Gazette*; and shall, within *fourteen* days thereafter, by notice inserted during two successive weeks in a newspaper published in the chief town of every such district, call a meeting of the members of the General Council, at a time and place to be named in such notice.

40 (8.) Upon the first meeting of the members of the General Council, three shall form a quorum; and the first business of the meeting shall be the election of a President, who shall hold office for *one* year, but shall be eligible for re-election.

45 (9.) When from any cause any Association shall have failed to elect the proper number of members of the General Council, the said Council shall appoint a sufficient number of members residing in such district to fill the vacant places.

50 10. The members of the General Council shall be elected for a

term of three years, and shall be capable of re-appointment, and any Tenure of office.

member may at any time resign his appointment by letter addressed to the President.

Upon the death or resignation of any member of the Council some other qualified person shall be elected, in manner hereinbefore provided, as a member of the said Council for the residue of the term of office of the vacating member. 5

The Council may exercise the powers hereinafter contained, notwithstanding any vacancy therein, provided that not less than three members of the Council are present, which number shall form a quorum. 10

First meeting of society.

11. At its first meeting the General Council shall make and ordain by-laws for the general conduct of business and the affairs of the society, and also for the conduct of business by District Medical Associations, which may from time to time be altered, amended, or revoked, as occasion may require. 15

And also shall make such rules and regulations as to the times and places of the meetings of the General Council and the mode of summoning the same, as to them shall seem expedient, which rules and regulations shall remain in force until altered at any subsequent meeting. 20

In absence of any rule or regulation for summoning a meeting of the General Council, the President may summon a meeting, at such time and place as to him shall seem expedient, by letter addressed to each member.

At every meeting, in the absence of the President, some other member to be chosen from the members present shall act as President. 25

Conduct of business.

12. All orders of the Council shall be decided by the votes of the majority of the members present at any meeting.

At all such meetings the President for the time being shall have an original and also a casting vote. 30

Retirement of members.

13. At its first meeting the General Council shall fix a time and place at which the first annual meeting of the General Council shall be held, and shall provide by ballot for the retirement of one-third of the members of the Council annually, in such manner, however, that all the representatives of any one District Association shall not retire simultaneously; and shall also by by-laws provide for the mode of conducting all elections subsequent to the first, for the election of members to supply the vacancies created from time to time. 35

The members to retire shall vacate their offices in each case at the expiration of one month after the conclusion of every annual meeting. 40

Annual meetings.

14. At every annual meeting the General Council shall elect a President, who shall by virtue of his office be President of every District Medical Association, and shall hold office until his successor is elected. 45

And shall appoint the time and place for the next annual meeting of the Council.

Matters within the scope of by-laws.

15. The General Council may from time to time make, alter, or revoke by-laws, providing—

(1.) For the election of medical practitioners who have retired from practice to be members of the society, 50

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and capable thenceforward of voting and of being elected as members of the General Council for the district wherein they reside:

- 5 (2.) For the removing or expelling members from the society:
- (3.) Appointing the annual subscription to be paid by the members of the society towards its funds, and the recovery thereof:
- (4.) For the distribution of the funds, according to the necessities of the society and the various district associations:
- 10 (5.) Generally, for carrying the objects for which the society is formed into full and complete effect:

And may by any such by-laws provide reasonable fines and penalties for any breach or non-observance of the same respectively, with power to mitigate or remit any such fine or penalty.

15 Every District Medical Association may make by-laws for their own guidance; but no such by-law shall have any force until it has been sanctioned by the General Council, and the seal of the society affixed thereto.

20 **16.** The General Council shall have power to appoint committees out of their own body, or to constitute the several District Medical Associations as committees, of which the quorum shall be not less than three, and may delegate to any such committee or District Medical Association such of the powers and duties vested in the General Council as they may see fit; and may from time to time regulate the

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25 duties and functions of the District Medical Associations.

17. The General Council shall be a Court of Appeal in all matters relating to the internal government of the various District Associations, in all questions of medical etiquette.

Functions of General Council in relation to Medical Associations.