Medical Lives in the Age of Surgical Revolution

An original and unusual history of doctors trained in Britain in the last quarter of the nineteenth century, and their careers in Britain and the Empire. Anne Crowther and Marguerite Dupree describe the experience of a whole generation of doctors at a time of rapid changes in medical knowledge. Amongst them were Sophia Jex-Blake and the first group of medical women in Britain. Many became disciples of Joseph Lister as he trained them (though not the women) in his new methods of antiseptic surgery, and they spread his ideas as they pursued their careers. Surgery was not confined to specialists, and Lister’s methods were adapted to suit hospitals and households, peace and war. Many doctors were international in origin, and the medical schools were tools of Empire, sending students into general practice, military service, the mission fields, high-class consultancies and homeopathy in many lands. The book considers the reasons for medical emigration, highlights the importance of medical networks – both male and female – and shows how doctors adapted to new methods in their profession.

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Abbreviations

AHR  American Historical Review
BHJ  British Homoeopathic Journal
BMA  British Medical Association
BMJ  British Medical Journal
CIMC Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs service
CM  Master of Surgery
CUP  Cambridge University Press
EcHR Economic History Review
EJ  University of Edinburgh Journal
ELEA Edinburgh Ladies Educational Association
EMJ Edinburgh Medical Journal
EUCal Edinburgh University Calendar
EUL Edinburgh University Library, Special Collections
FPSG Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (later the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow)
GMC General Medical Council
GMJ Glasgow Medical Journal
GP General practitioner
GUA Glasgow University Archives
GUCal Glasgow University Calendar
GUL Glasgow University Library, Special Collections
IMG Indian Medical Gazette
IMS Indian Medical Service
IOL Asia, Africa and Pacific Collection (formerly the India Office Library), British Library, London
LMCJ Liverpool Medico-Chirurgical Journal
LSMW London School of Medicine for Women
MB Bachelor of Medicine
MD Medical Directory
Med. Hist. Medical History
Abbreviations

MMHA Medical Missions at Home and Abroad: The Quarterly Magazine of the Medical Missionary Association
MOH Medical Officer of Health
NLS National Library of Scotland
P & P Past & Present
PP Parliamentary Papers
PRO National Archives (formerly Public Record Office), Kew, London
PRONI Public Record Office of Northern Ireland
RAMC Royal Army Medical Corps
RBGE Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh
RCPEd Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
RCPSG Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow
RCSEd Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
RCSEng Royal College of Surgeons of England
RMS Royal Medical Society
SAMR South African Medical Record
SHM Social History of Medicine
SRO National Archives of Scotland (formerly the Scottish Record Office)
WLHUM Wellcome Library for the History and Understanding of Medicine, London