

## MEETING OF THE MEDICAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario was held in the Court House, Toronto, commencing on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 25th. Dr Dewar, President, occupied the chair.

Dr. Aikins moved that Dr William Clarke, of Guelph, should be the President for the ensuing year.

Dr. Adams nominated Dr Campbell, of Toronto.

Dr. Clarke was elected—yeas 13, nays 8.

The retiring President then delivered a short address.

Dr. Clarke on taking the chair, referred to the importance of the Council, which represented some 1600 medical men of the Province, and thanked the members for the honour they had conferred upon him.

On motion Dr. Muir was elected Vice-President.

Dr. Campbell having handed in some charges against Dr. Aikins, Treasurer,

Dr. Brouse moved, seconded by Dr. Grant,—That the charges of Dr. Campbell be referred to a committee of five members of the Council, who shall investigate and report as speedily as possible and that the said committee be composed of Drs. Hyde, Hodder, Muir, Bethune, and Berryman. Carried.

A resolution of condolence was tendered to the widow and family of the late Dr. Agnew.

Dr. Campbell explained the action of the Legislative Assembly with regard to the Ontario Medical Act, and moved that the proposed Act to amend the Medical Act be taken as the report of the committee appointed for the purpose of considering the subject by the Executive Committee and be referred to a committee of the whole on the following day. Carried.

The Standing Committees were appointed as follows:—

Printing.—Drs. Campbell, Eastwood, Springer, and Cornell.

Finance.—Drs. Hyde, Vernon, Fields, Hillary, Coburn, and Macdonald.

Rules and Regulations.—Drs. Adam, Cornell, and Berryman.

Education.—Drs. Brouse, Grant, Aikins, Berryman, Dewar, D. Clarke, Edwards, and Lavell.

Registration.—Drs. Lawrence, Bethune, Hodder, Campbell, Bogart, and Dewar.

### SECOND DAY.

Dr. Brouse presented the report of the Education Committee, which was received. It stated that the committee had had under consideration two communications from the Board of Examiners, and they had arrived at the following conclusions:—That at present it is not advisable to institute an extended competitive system of examination; that the examination should be partly oral and partly written; that, if possible, the examining body should be reduced, in order to lessen the expense of the Council; but that under all circumstances a certain standard should be exacted. As far as possible the marks made over and above the required number should be recorded, in order to the forming to some extent of a

comparative estimate of the excellence and proficiency attained under the prevailing system of education. In all cases, too, where more than ordinary ability is evinced, the examiners should have the power to accept the written answers of the candidates as being sufficient without subjecting them in addition to an oral examination. Sixty marks to be considered evidence of such proficiency.

The Council went into committee of the whole on the bill to amend the Medical Act, and reported progress.

A report was presented from the committee on Education, recommending the appointment of the following Examiners for 1874:—Dr. Aikins, Surgery and Surgical Pathology; Dr. Hodder, Anatomy, Descriptive and Surgical; Dr. Lavell, Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children; Dr. Berryman, Materia Medica and Botany; Dr. W. Clarke, Medical Diagnosis; Dr. D. Clarke, Chemistry; Dr. Dewar, Medicine, Medical Diagnosis and Pathology; Dr. E. G. Edwards, Physiology; Dr. Macdonald, Medical Jurisprudence and Toxicology. Homeopathic—Drs. Campbell and Field. Eclectic—Drs. Cornell and Bogart. On motion the names of Dr. Bogart for Botany, and Dr. Vernon for Sanitary Science, were added. Report adopted.

Dr. Hyde presented the report of the special committee appointed to investigate the charges preferred by Dr. Campbell against Dr. Aikins:—That the gross charges that were made by Dr. Campbell as against Dr. Aikins, accusing him of having wilfully and fraudulently misled the Parliamentary Committee of the House of Local Legislation, and thereby having defrauded this Council of \$6,000, find that after proper and careful examination of the charges made by Dr. Campbell, they are proved to be entirely without foundation; and the committee appointed to carry out the investigation are of opinion that such rash and reckless charges without mature evidence deserve the censure of this Council. Carried—yeas 15, nays 5.

Several members and the President spoke in relation to this matter, and strong language was used in denouncing the conduct of Dr. Campbell.

Dr. Aikins remarked that the spontaneous manner in which his colleagues had supported him was more than he expected. He gave an explanation of what course he had pursued with regard to the Medical Bill, and concluded by thanking the members who had spoken in his behalf.

### THIRD DAY.

The Council went into committee on the Medical Bill, and considered a number of clauses and amendments. The bill as finally passed through committee will soon be printed.

The Finance Committee presented a report, stating the balance in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the College to be \$1,196 46, that the Treasurer's books were so thoroughly correct and satisfactory, that they felt it their duty to record the indebtedness of the Council to him for his many disinterested and unrequited services.

The books of the Registrar, Dr. Pyne, were found correct. The committee recommended the

collection of matriculation fees, and expressed an opinion that in the present state of the finances the matriculation fees should be reduced to \$2 per student. It was recommended to pay resident examiners \$15 each, and Drs. Berryman, Morrison, Muir, and Field \$20 each, travelling expenses exclusive. The committee find there will be a balance left to the credit of the College of about \$550, out of which they recommend payment to members attending the session of \$5 per day each, together with travelling expenses.

Mr. Archibald McMurchy, M.A., Rector of Toronto High School, was appointed Matriculation Examiner at Toronto.

Dr. Berryman moved a resolution, seconded by Dr. Dewar, thanking Dr. Campbell for his labours in connection with the Medical bill, which was carried.

Dr. Campbell returned thanks for this unexpected kindness. But he said that this was the last time that any homeopaths would ever sit in the Council, for it was intended to send in the resignation of all the homeopathic members, and they had done for ever with the Council. The reasons were, that after exerting himself as hard as he could, and filling the office of Vice-President energetically, he had not succeeded to the office of President, which he looked for as a matter of course. He was told indirectly that the reason of this was that it would be a monstrous thing to be said in the country that a homeopathist was at the head of the medical profession. He was also told by his friends outside that he would never get the other members of the Council to look on him with cordiality. He told them he was always met with courtesy and kindly feelings, and that any prejudice would soon wear off. But when he was told that in four years there had not been one homeopathist who presented himself for examination, he thought this was sufficient argument to go the country and put an end to the Council so far as the homeopathists were concerned. They would establish a homeopathic board. In conclusion, Dr. Campbell wished the Council good evening, as his connection with the Council had ceased, and his official resignation would be sent in with that of the other homeopathists.

The President said he could not allow it for a moment to go to the country that it was, because Dr. Campbell was a homeopathist he was refused the chair. (Several members—No, nothing of the kind.) He told Dr. Campbell that the reason why he was not chosen President was a personal consideration alone.

Dr. Campbell withdrew from the Council. Some discussion followed on the conduct of Dr. Campbell towards the Board of Examiners, which the President and members condemned in very severe terms.

The President drew attention to the matter of medical men being required to furnish particulars respecting the deaths of persons without any remuneration. He thought the Council should consider the matter.

The Council adjourned *sine die* after some customary votes of thanks.