

induced that body to call for the opinions of the medical men in the city regarding the management of the Hospital, none of whom were present at the investigation. It was apparent that the large majority did not approve of the call, for but three out of the forty appeared at the meeting. The three ventilated their opinions; two did not display their usual judgment. The vaporings of the other can be accounted for from the fact that he had been on the staff, and was left off for cause. That but three out of the forty could be found to speak disparagingly of the institution is largely in its favor.

At this stage of the proceeding, Dr. Bayard placed his resignation as Commissioner in the hands of Warden Mc-Lauchlan. That gentleman wrote him a kind letter requesting its withdrawal. Below is the Doctor's answer, declining to do so:

ST. JOHN, January 1, 1894.

DEAR MR. McLAUCHLAN—Nothing would give me greater pleasure than to grant a request coming from you, particularly when it is couched in such kind and flattering terms as those conveyed in your note.

When I placed my resignation as Hospital Commissioner in your hands, I felt it prudent to do so without note or comment. Your kind request makes it incumbent upon me to give you my reasons for so doing.

When the resolution passed the County Council appointing a committee with a *roving commission* "to inquire into all matters regarding the management of the Hospital," I determined to resign my position, but delayed doing so in order that I might assist my fellow-commissioners in affording every possible facility for investigation to the committee. That investigation, I believe, has been concluded, and I am now in a position to carry out my original intention.

I came to this conclusion because I considered the act of the County Council a declaration of "want of confidence in the Board over which I have the honor to preside." It has been claimed that it was not so intended by the Council. It may not have been