

After the reading and adoption of the minutes of last meeting, a large number of communications were read by the registrar. The majority of these had reference to the matter of fees, and none of them contained matter of interest to any but the individual correspondent. In most cases they were referred to the registrar-treasurer to be dealt with in accordance with the action ordered by the council in similar instances. The others were referred to the various committees under whose jurisdiction they naturally fell.

One communication, however, received some immediate consideration by the council. This was a letter requesting that delegates be sent by the council to attend the forty-fourth annual convention of the American Pharmaceutical Association, which will open in Montreal on the 12th inst. It was suggested that President Mackenzie and Mr. H. Watters be appointed. Mr. Mackenzie doubted the utility of sending representatives at all. The association, he said, according to the opinion expressed by a former president, existed rather for educational purposes than for the advancement of trade interests in the direction of legislation. Mr. Karn and other members, however, stated that the retail druggists in the United States were now beginning to take an increased interest in the association, and that, in consequence of this, there had been a large addition to the membership. It would be showing scant courtesy to the association, too, if when they held their convention in a Canadian city they were ignored by the Ontario College. He urged very strongly that representatives be sent and that the president of the council be one of them.

The matter was finally left over for future consideration.

The registrar-treasurer, Mr. Isaac T. Lewis, then presented his report for the past six months.

The report was in every respect a most encouraging one. It stated that since the first of February of 1896 the following medical practitioners had taken out registration: S. B. Beans, Elmwood; J. G. M. Sloan, Shallow Lake; F. C. Delahey, Cobden; J. L. Smith, Darnoch; R. W. Shaw, Springfield; and certificates were being awaited from J. A. Meldrum, Belmont, and A. E. Hanna, Perth. The number of applications of apprentices for registration had been 78, a few of whom were under abeyance for the council to deal with. The amounts for renewals received since the 1st of February, 1896, were as follows: 1889, \$4; 1890, \$8; 1891, \$8; 1892, \$12; 1893, \$18; 1894, \$82; 1895, \$156; 1896, \$2,826; total, \$3,114, less rebates on 1895 and 1896, \$1,302, making the net amount \$1812.

The following detailed statement of receipts and disbursements for the last six months, ending 1st August, was given:

RECEIPTS.

To cash balance..... \$ 47 73
Balance in bank..... 6,526 18

Balance in Bank of Commerce savings department..... 1,015 02
Renewal fees (less rebates)..... \$7,588 93
Apprentices' registration fees..... 1,804 00
Registration fees, M.D.'s..... 78 00
Poison books..... 26 00
License sales books..... 14 13
Diplomas..... 6 76
Matriculation fees, junior courses..... 8 30
Teaching department..... 22 00
Examination account..... 212 00
Microscopic supplies..... \$56 46
Total..... 21 64

Total..... \$10,638 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

By Ontario College of Pharmacy, for small supplies..... \$ 265 06
Addition to college building..... 42 52
Rental of lane..... 30 00
Interest account..... 288 72
Council meeting..... 362 65
Library fund..... 12 00
Auditors..... 10 00
Salary account..... 3,977 15
Deposit fees..... 570 00
Postage account..... 54 23
Petty expenses..... 8 55
Coal account..... 147 72
Law account..... 66 00
Water account..... 6 49
Gas account..... 43 66
Apparatus and appliances..... 209 01
Supplies (pharmacy department)..... 313 09
Laboratory apparatus..... 147 90
The Synod, paid 30th May..... 1,000 00
Infringement account..... 93 67
By balances..... 2,089 80

Total..... \$10,638 22

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the auditors stated that the books and vouchers of the college had been examined, and the accounts of the registrar-treasurer found correct. The following statement of assets and liabilities was attached:

ASSETS.

College building..... \$33,656 82
Furniture, apparatus, etc..... 11,100 00
College lot..... 5,000 00
Outstanding fees..... 5,000 00
Supplies estimated to date..... 320 00
Poison and liquor books..... 160 00
Cash balance..... 49 57
Bank balance..... 391 26
Bank of Commerce, savings department..... 2,548 97
Total..... \$53,726 62

LIABILITIES.

Mortgage, the synod..... \$11,000 00
Interest to date..... 100 84
Salary account..... 125 00
Library fund..... 66 19
Accounts, sundry..... 486 25
Examiners, May, 1896..... 415 06
To balance..... 41,533 28
Total..... \$53,726 62

This report was also sent to the Committee on Finance for consideration.

The first day's session was brought to a conclusion by the adoption of the following resolution:

Moved by G. W. Spockman, seconded by Mr. Turner, "That the Committee on By-laws and Legislation be asked to present a report on the advisability of this council petitioning the Minister of Customs for a reduction on the import duty on 65 per cent. O.P. alcohol, to equal excise duty."

The council reassembled on Wednesday morning at 10.30 o'clock, when the following resolution was moved by Mr. A. Turner, seconded by Mr. G. W. Spockman, and carried: "That the president of this Council Committee and H. Watters be appointed delegates to attend the annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association in Montreal on August 12th."

After the reading of a number of communications which did not possess any general interest, the council adjourned for the purpose of allowing the committees to prepare their reports.

At the afternoon session, which began at two o'clock, the report of the Committee on By-laws and Legislation was submitted by Mr. Henry Watters, and was adopted as read. It dealt almost entirely with individual applications for rebate in fees, for registration by apprentices, and other matters containing no general interest to the trade. In reference to a recommendation from the committee of District No. 10, the report stated: "Whilst your committee is in hearty sympathy with the resolution of District No. 10 in recommending application to the Legislature to amend the Act regulating the sale of Paris green and sulphate of copper, we feel that, owing to the unfavorable results of recent application, it is inadvisable to make any further application at present."

Report No. 1 of the Executive and Finance Committees, which was then read, recommended the payment of the following accounts: The Toronto *World*, \$5.40; Jos. Iredale, \$7.20; Rice Lewis & Son, \$16.25; The *Monetary Times*, \$15; Rowsell & Hutchison, \$5.55; the Bain Book Company, \$1.70; Joseph Doust, \$11.25; Edgar & Malone, \$275; W. A. Karn (infringement expenses), \$23.50; total, \$360.85. "It is with much pleasure," the report stated, "that your Finance Committee call your attention to the very creditable advancement the college has made financially during the past year. In August, 1895, there was: Cash (and in savings bank), \$1,315.20; mortgage indebtedness, \$13,000; balance assets, \$38,242.24. In August of 1896 there is: Cash (and in savings bank), \$2,940.23; mortgage indebtedness, \$11,000; balance assets, \$41,533.28. Comparing these figures, it will be seen that the college has in the past year made a net gain of \$6,916.07." The report recommended that the salary of the janitor, Mr. Young, be advanced to the sum of \$600 per annum.

The report was adopted without discussion, and the council adjourned until 11 o'clock on Thursday morning.

Thursday morning's session was taken up chiefly with the consideration of the Education Committee's report. A lengthy discussion ensued over the representation by President Mackenzie that the four gold medals offered for competition in the different departments of work might be graded, so that, instead of going to one