

PAYMENT OF ANNUAL FEE TO COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS.

Copy of a resolution passed at a regular meeting of the London Medical Association, February 10th, 1896 :

"Moved by Dr. Ferguson, seconded by Dr. Arnott, and resolved, that the London Medical Association recognizes the services rendered to the medical profession by the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario in maintaining an efficient standard of medical education for students, providing for the registration of licentiates, guarding the rights of registered practitioners, prosecuting unlicensed practitioners guilty of infamous or disgraceful conduct in a professional respect.

"This Association accordingly holds it to be the duty of every member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, promptly and loyally to pay the annual assessment fee levied in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Medical Act, for the maintenance of the general expenses of the College ; and it is further claimed that members of the College taking exception to any of the administrative acts of the Council should seek reforms by way of the medical electorate, rather than by attempting to withhold the payment of assessments authorized by the statute and indispensable to the very existence of a council.

"Yet this Association begs to protest against By-law No. 69, passed by the Council on the 28th June, 1895, which suspends the penal clause of Section 41 of the amended Medical Act for Ontario until June 1st, 1896, then to come into force only 'in case a sufficient amount of dues is not paid in to cover the bank liability.' This Association submits that said qualification is grossly unjust to members of the profession who have paid, or may pay, their assessment prior to June 1st, 1896, and affords a loophole to delinquents who are disposed to shirk payment of their fees. The Association recommends the Ontario Medical Council either to rescind said clause of the by-law, or, otherwise, to furnish every member on payment of his fee, a guarantee that no other member shall be permitted to escape payment of his legal indebtedness to the Council.

"And resolved further, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Registrar and to the medical journals of the Province."