

new election was to be held early in 1894, before the meeting of the council in that year. It certainly will not do for the council to do anything which savors of sharp practice. We believe that the majority of its members have no desire to do anything of the kind. It ought not to be difficult for the officers of the council to ascertain from prominent members of the legislative committee, including the Attorney-General, whether there was any definite understanding on this subject or not. If there was, it certainly should be carried out. If there was no definite understanding on the subject, we have simply to take the wording of the Act before referred to, and allow the council the right to choose the time for the election in the year 1894.

The president of the council, Dr. Campbell, possesses integrity, ability, and good judgment. He has an intimate knowledge of the various negotiations respecting amendments to the Medical Act. He was present at certain meetings of the legislative committee, especially the last and most important one. He ought to be in a position to know, or at all events learn, what the intentions of the committee were. We believe that he will do, as far as he can, what is right in the matter.

If, however, the council at its last meeting definitely decided to hold another session in June of 1894 before the election, he and his brother officers may have no option. Until we get further definite information about certain doubtful points, we shall be unable to give a definite opinion; but we may say to the council that many of its friends, and all of its foes, would like to get some further light.

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## THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

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We have frequently spoken about the growth and influence of the British Medical Association, which have been the wonder and admiration of the medical world. The sixty-first annual meeting was held in Newcastle-on-Tyne, August 1st to 4th, inclusive, and was, in all respects, a pronounced success. The association is more thoroughly democratic and representative in its constitution and government than any other medical association in any empire, kingdom, or republic in the world. Our attempts to imitate it in the United States and Canada have, so far, fallen short of success as almost to have become dismal failures. The British Association represents no cliques, nor parties; but contains within its ranks all sorts and conditions of medical practitioners. It is magnificent in its proportions, and a wondrous power for good in Great Britain and her colonies.