

7th clause, suggesting a diminution in the number of members of the Council and also of the examiners. Dr. Clarke, in introducing the report, said, that as the Eclectics had nothing distinctive in their body, they ought to fuse with the general profession, and in this way a reduction would take place without doing violence to any one. There were no new students applying from their body, nor was at all likely there would be, as the difference between them and the general profession was so slight, and they would therefore become extinct in time. Dr. Muir, (Eclectic) said, that the extinction of the eclectic body was inevitable, as the facilities afforded students in Canada for preparing for the allopathic examination were more favorable than for Eclectics. He thought it would be better to merge into the general body, as there was not enough difference to warrant the perpetuation of a sect. Dr. Cornoll, (Eclectic), fully endorsed the statements of Dr Muir. Drs. Bogart and Morrison were not yet prepared to accept that position. Dr. Aikins expressed himself as pleased with the turn things had taken, as it would henceforth allow Allopaths and Eclectics to meet in consultation.

Although the clause was not carried, we are very glad that the subject was brought under discussion. Enough was brought out to show that the current of feeling is setting strongly in favor of the amalgamation of the two bodies, and thus doing away with a useless division in the Council; as it is at present, the Eclectics must either continue under the wing of the Homœopaths and the leadership of Dr. Campbell, or join the general profession; and of the two alternatives it is not difficult to see which they will eventually choose. Of course Dr. Campbell is opposed to fusion, as he would at once lose the support of that body in the Council. There is no desire on the part of the general profession to urge, much less to coerce the Eclectics into amalgamation, but whenever the latter are disposed to come in, the general profession will most cordially extend to them the right hand of fellowship.

In regard to the clause proposing an annual tax on the profession for the support of the Council, it is to be contingent on the passing of the penal clause. The Council will by no means tax the profession unless they get a *quid pro quo* in the shape of protection against unlicensed practitioners: and, we believe,