

Dr. Henry (*Mail*) asked if the executive council had taken any action as a result of criticisms in the medical journals. Again, (*Star*) I have been a member for 27 years. The remarks of that medical journal were unjust, uncalled for, malicious, and bad. However, the treasurer's report will clear things up. Again, (*Globe*), in my 27 years' experience as a member of the council had never before heard such charges.

Dr. J. A. Temple (*Mail*), Dr. Young asked to be allowed to examine the books of the college, and if I had been the president I would have used pretty strong language. Again, (*Star*), our expenses are undoubtedly too heavy and we are starting in the right way to reduce them. But for a medical journal to be the first to turn out and charge the medical council with dishonesty is a disgrace. Again, (*Globe*), the financial report was not just as it should be, and there should be something broader laid before the board than the present statement, in order that the profession and the public at large might have the opportunity of discussing it.

Dr. Hardy (*Globe*). He had not objected to having anything published, but he did object to the way in which it was proposed to be done, and, moreover, the advertising of a certain medium. Again, (*Star*), he had objected to publishing without the council's consent, a statement calculated to advertise certain mediums.

Dr. Merritt (*Mail*) said criticisms made for the purpose of doing harm should not be tolerated. Criticism was welcomed when in a good cause, but when made in malice, it should not be noticed. Again, (*Star*), but a criticism such as that directed against the council during the past year, made with intent to injure, and with malice and contempt, should be absolutely ignored. Again, (*Globe*), they could not afford to ignore honest criticism, but when it came to be made, as it had been made during the past year, with malice and with intent to injure, he thought it should be ignored.

Similar remarks can be found in the statements of other members of the council. Whence cometh this divine right of Kings? The members of the medical council are there as trustees. So far as THE CANADA LANCET is concerned there never has been a single word given to the public in malice, or with any other intention than to benefit the cause of the council and the medical profession. There need not have been so much time lost over the affair. Thirty members drawing \$20 a day comes high when the whole cause of it all is to abuse the medical journals that have fought hard to secure information for the members of the profession. This discussion took up a good deal of time, and in this way cost several hundred dollars. The result was to yield and grant what had been asked.