

Dr. HOWARD remarked that it would be more acceptable to him if some other gentleman seconded the resolution, because Dr. Trenholme was one of the gentlemen who, the previous day, had tried to choke discussion of the bill. Dr. Hingston had seconded his original motion, and perhaps he should have asked him to second this one; he would now do so.

Dr. HINGSTON said he would do so, not with pleasure, but with great pain. He would suggest that the discussion of the Bill should be held over for two years, by which time perhaps some of the angularities which at present existed might be smoothed over.

Dr. TRENHOLME wished to remove any impression of inconsistency in his conduct in offering to second Dr. Howard's resolution. His reason for trying to prevent discussion of the Bill the previous day, was because he saw that it could not be carried, and that to occupy the time of the Association with it was, in his opinion, wasting valuable time. He had not in the slightest degree changed his opinion as to the necessity which existed for a Bill such as was in the hands of members of the Association.

Dr. HOWARD said that while it was for the Association to decide whether the Bill should be entirely dropped or only postponed, he felt that he must retire from the position of chairman of the Bill Committee. He had many reasons for wishing to do so, but one very strong one was, that from his position of chairman, and his connection with one of the teaching bodies of the country, he felt that he had considerably impeded the progress of the Bill. If the Committee should be continued, he suggested the name of Dr. Craik should be substituted for his own.

Dr. ROTTOT observed that he was not opposed to the Bill *in toto*, but to some of its provisions. He hoped that Dr. Howard would still continue as chairman of the Committee.

Dr. ROUSSEAU (of Quebec), also hoped Dr. Howard would not retire.

Dr. HOWARD thought that as the Committee had reported that their work was accomplished, they should be discharged. The Bill was in the hands of the Association, and when wanted could be found with the Secretary. The recent Medical Bill passed in Nova Scotia was in a great measure the result of the labors of this Association. He therefore thought that those who had maintained that the time of the Association had been mis-spent in discussing this Bill, were mistaken. He thought that for the present it should be withdrawn, as the Province of Quebec, which was the only one in which there could be any very great difference of opinion, had emphatically spoken against the principle of the Bill.

Dr. C. C. HAMILTON, (Nova Scotia) moved that the further consideration of the Medical Bill prepared by the Committee at the request of the Association be deferred for two years.

Dr. ROUSSEAU, (Quebec) seconded the resolution, which was carried.

A motion by Dr. HOWARD, seconded by Dr. Gilbert

of Sherbrooke, to discharge the Bill Committee, was lost on a division.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Howard as chairman of the Bill Committee was carried by acclamation.

Dr. MARSDEN, announced that he had the pleasure of submitting an offer which must be very gratifying to the Association, as it would tend to make the next meeting of the Association very interesting. Dr. GRANT, M.P. (Ottawa), and Dr. Worthington (Sherbrooke), had offered to the Association a gold medal for the best Essay on the Zymotic diseases of Canada, the Essays to be submitted to the Essay Committee without signature, and with an appropriate motto, before the first day of July next; and to be presented to the next meeting of the Association.

This announcement was greeted with applause.

Dr. MARSDEN gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that in future the subscription to the Association be \$4.00.

PAPERS.

Dr. R. P. HOWARD read a paper detailing three cases of Scarlatinal Pleurisy, in two of which Paracentesis Thoracis was performed, and in the other nature spontaneously evacuated the pus, through one of the larger bronchial tubes. Two of the cases recovered, and the third died (one of the cases where the pus had been evacuated. The deductions drawn from the three cases was the advisability of performing Paracentesis early—say within the first week.

A vote of thanks having been awarded Dr. Howard, the Association adjourned for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Dr. GRANT, the newly elected President, took the chair, when the Association assembled in the afternoon.

Dr. MARSDEN gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the by-laws should be amended so as to enable the Association to strike off the roll of the members of the Association all permanent members that had been absent from three consecutive meetings and had failed to pay their subscriptions.

Dr. H. WRIGHT (Toronto), thought that the members from the Upper Provinces could not attend the meeting so long as they were held in the fall months of the year.

Dr. BOTSFORD thought it important for the welfare of the Association that the whole Dominion should take an interest in it, and that every possible step should be taken to secure this object. It would be a great pity if a large and influential section of the profession were to be shut out practically from attending the Association because of the time of meeting.

Dr. MARSDEN gave notice that he would move as the next meeting that the time for holding the meeting should be reconsidered.

Dr. HINGSTON then exhibited a case of double hair lip, upon whom he had operated several years previously. The method of operation was described,