

After much discussion it was unanimously decided to approach the Legislature and ask that the Ontario Medical Act be so amended as to enable the Executive Committee of the Council to take the initiative in cases of "infamous and disgraceful conduct in a professional respect." Heretofore the Council had to send such cases to the Discipline Committee for investigation and report thereon to the next meeting of the Council. This caused much delay. The amendment now sought will enable the Executive Committee, in the interval of Council meetings, to send such cases to the Discipline Committee for investigation and report to the oncoming meeting of the Council. This will have the effect of saving much time. This was unanimously carried. This step onward we very heartily endorse and trust that the Legislature will at once confer the power asked for by the Council for its Executive Committee.

It was also agreed to ask for power to at once erase the name of any practitioner who had been convicted in court of any infamous or disgraceful conduct in a professional respect or of any illegal operations. As the Act now stands, the accused doctor must be served with a notice and has the privilege of appearing before the Committee in his own defence. This leads to delay, and might lead to a miscarriage of justice. In the case of Dr. E. M. Cook, for example, the officer of the Medical Council has not been able, so far, to locate the doctor, though the Council is anxious to bring him before it. For this reason Council cannot take action. It is proposed to overcome this defect in the Act so as to confer upon the Council the power to erase the name at once in the case of a doctor being convicted by a court trial.

The subject of Dominion Registration took up a large portion of the attention of the Council. This was only natural, as it is the most important medical topic before the profession of Canada to-day. Dr. T. G. Roddick, of Montreal, was present, and the Council extended to him the courtesy of the meeting and permitted him to address it. We all know how zealously Dr. Roddick has stood by his bill since 1902. We hope some day to be able to chronicle his complete success and say of his labors in the words of Horace, "He has built a monument more lasting than brass," because we know as Virgil said, "Of these things he has been a large part."

After careful discussion, that clause in the establishing of a central examination was finally approved of. This is a very important step onward. That there should be one common standard for all Canada, will yield splendid results.

The representation from the provinces in the Dominion Council was left as in the bill. No province can have more than three representatives and some may have only two, according to the number of practitioners