

ization, otherwise the constitutional by-laws—taking the by-laws *seriatim*. After a desultory conversation, attention was directed to the clause excluding members of the Association who possess particular dogmas.

The CHAIRMAN assumed the meaning of the clause to the simple exclusion of those whose doctrines were of the class of those termed heretical by the medical faculty at large. Good orthodox physicians might, however, sometimes desire to give special attention and practice to some particular disease—for instance, diseases of the eye.

Dr. MARSDEN, of Quebec, one of the committee, explained that the clause was intended to meet the case of gentlemen who based their practice upon a single theory, as homeopaths and other similar practitioners.

Dr. BAIRD, of Montreal, knew of physicians in regular practice who were hydropathists, and turned their offices into bathing rooms. He scarcely thought that because members of the faculty gave this branch of science their especial attention, they should, therefore, be excluded from the benefit of membership of this association.

The clause was then passed.

The clauses next in order were read by the Chairman *seriatim*, and if not dissented to, summarily passed, and continued and general conversation in all parts of the room.

Dr. WORTHINGTON, Sherbrooke, here intervened and suggested whether the discussion, which promised to prove of unusual length and tediousness, might not be adjourned for a short time to enable them to receive the report of the committee on nominations of officers for 1868-9, as many of the members of that committee were most anxious to get away to go home.

It was proposed that such report be laid on the table, and thus summarily disposed of.

An M. D. said that many present would object most strenuously to so important a subject as the election of officers being so easily shelved.

Dr. HINGSTON thought it most objectional that so important a matter as the passing of by-laws should proceed.

It was moved irregularly by Dr. CRAIG, and seconded by Dr. REDDY, "That the meeting now proceed to the election of officers."

It was moved as an amendment by Dr. HICKSON, and seconded by Dr. TRUDELL, "That the meeting proceed to the consideration of the organization of by-laws."

Upon representation by the members of the committee of the hardship of their being detained after many days, for again another day, from their practice, the mover and seconder of the amendment at once withdrew their motion.

Dr. WORTHINGTON said that having been met so handsomely, he was sure the members would consent to remain to the last possible moment to aid in the passing of by-laws, on the understanding that the appointment of officers should be proceeded with before the session closed for the day.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that they should for the present proceed with the discussion on by-laws as far as possible, holding it as imperative that the

discussion should be adjourned to enable the election of officers to take place before the time of departure of the train.

Several gentlemen addressed the meeting in French amid interruptions and cries of "question." After a lapse of a considerable time the Chairman again proceeded with the reading of the by-laws.

#### AT SEA AGAIN.

Interruptions again drew the discussion out of the regular channel. A question now arose whether the rules were binding upon members of the association if not subscribed to by each member in his own hand writing.

The Chairman quoted from the standard rules of the Association, and amid some applause, demonstrated clearly that the by-laws already passed as the rules of the Association, were binding upon every gentleman admitted as a member under these rules.

The same gentleman who started the conversation with respect to the pamphlets being printed in French and English again arose, and still addressing the audience in French, could not understand why it was that if members did not sign their names agreeing to the rules, they were bound by these rules.

Two other French members, who had taken prominent parts in the same discussion, again raised objections on the point now under discussion.

PASSED AT LAST.—Dr. BROUSE at length hastily moved and Dr. CAMERON seconded, "that this constitution as now amended, be the constitution of the association." Carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN, who called for the committee to report on the nomination of officers, to present their report, which was accordingly done, and, judging by the plaudits bestowed as each name was read, the selection must have given universal satisfaction, each and every name being greeted with applause.

No amendments being proposed, the whole of the officers as nominated by the committee, were declared duly elected. The following is the list:

Presidents—Hon. Charles Tupper, M.D., C.B.; Vice-Presidents—Quebec: G. W. Campbell, M.D. Ontario: E. M. Hodder, M.D. New Brunswick: Dr. Le Baron Botsford. Nova Scotia: Hon. David McNeil Parker, M.D. General Secretary: G. O. Belleau, M.D. General Treasurer: Dr. Blanchet. Secretaries for Ontario: W. Canniff, M.D.; do. for Quebec, Dr. Rottot; do. for Nova Scotia, Dr. Arthur Moren; do. for New Brunswick, Dr. W. S. Harding. Dr. Beaubien, President of the Election Committee. Dr. Martin, Secretary do.

Three cheers for Mr. Tupper were given. (Applause.)

Three cheers for Dr. Tupper were then proposed and given in ringing style.

Dr. TUPPER, in thanking the assembly for their acknowledgement of his re-election, said he was at a loss to express his gratification at the honor they had again conferred upon him, a gratification doubly intensified when he recollected the circumstances of his election last year. There was, however to him a subject of regret in their making this