

profession of the country appreciated very highly the great energy and ability exhibited by the doctor, who had to complete a thorough organization for the field hospital service in a very short time, and the governing body of the profession of this Province showed their high appreciation by offering him, without a dissenting voice, the highest office at their disposal.

STUDENTS IN THE NORTH-WEST.

One of the first matters that came up for discussion was the application of certain students, who went up to the North-West in the capacity of dressers, to be allowed their Primary Examination. It was urged that Toronto University, the Law Society, and other examining bodies had granted similar privileges to their students. It was contended, on the other hand, that there was a grave risk in dealing thus with medical students, who would, hereafter, have the lives of their patients depending on their knowledge of medicine. After considerable discussion, however, it was decided to grant their request, as they would yet have to pass the final examinations before securing licenses to practice. We are very glad, indeed, that the Council took this course, as we have reason to know that these volunteer dressers were well prepared with their primary subjects, and that they did excellent work in the North-West. This act of generosity on the part of the Council will be highly appreciated by medical students generally.

WORK OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Dr. Day, chairman of the Legislative Committee, reported that they had been unable to get any amendments to the Medical Act passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature. The committee have been asked to make another attempt next winter. It is likely, however, that some changes will be made in the proposed amendments, and some clauses will be omitted. By common consent it seems to have been determined to say no more about the five dollar tax. As there is no probability of the Legislature demanding security for costs in malpractice cases, the clause referring to this will likely be dropped; but an effort will be made to limit the time within which such an action may be brought, say one year. We understand that a

suit for malpractice is now pending in a case which happened nearly six years ago. The committee will also seek for power on the part of the Council to expel any members found guilty of unprofessional conduct. Considerable difficulty has existed in collecting the annual fees from the members of the profession throughout the country, and it is proposed to amend the Act so that the delinquent debtors shall be sued in Toronto.

FINANCES.

The financial condition is fairly good. The committee reported a good balance in the bank, and about seven thousand dollars due from physicians on account of annual fees. It is hoped that about the end of this year they will be able to take up the mortgage now held against their property in Toronto. This is valued at sixteen to twenty thousand dollars. It was thought last year that it would be advisable to sell this lot on the corner of Bay and Richmond Streets and buy a cheaper lot on College Street, or lease a lot from the University authorities on which to build. For the present, however, this will not be done, as there is a general inclination manifested to hold a property which is so conveniently situated, and it is proposed by some to erect a large building with stores on the ground floor, and offices in the upper storeys, all to be rented, while one storey might contain the hall and rooms required by the Council. When the new Court House and city buildings are built at the head of Bay Street, the Council's property will be rendered much more valuable.

REPORT OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

This committee proposed very few changes. Some petitions of rejected students were received, asking for reversions of the decisions of the Examining Board; but unfavorable replies were given. This is right; although our sympathies might lead us, in many cases, to wish to see candidates receive their license after they had failed to come up to the required standard, still, the broad fact remains that the decision of the Examining Board should be final and unalterable, unless some extraordinary reason arose for changing it. Any other course would be manifestly unfair to the Examining Board and would