

like obedient though erring children, never to do the like again (Laughter and confusion). If Dr. Clarke's own words were to be taken, they had a right to distrust; for he remarked that "in ten years the Act would snuff them out of existence." He assisted in preparing and carrying through a Bill that he believed would wipe out the Eclectics and Homoeopaths in ten years. Then what is the meaning of Dr. Lavell's remark about making medicine a test question at the next election, and that they were not going to have lawyers and farmers talking physic in Parliament? (Oh! oh!) It certainly indicates that his intentions are not the most pacific towards somebody, (Oh!) and he would not be likely to object to those members of Parliament who speak in their behalf. He can only refer to the friends of homoeopathy whom he intends to leave at home at the next election. (Dr. Lavell denied that he meant any one in particular; the remark was general.) In referring to the Board of Examiners, he said that he had the most perfect confidence in their honor, and believed that students of every medical faith would receive a fair and impartial examination at their hands; (Cries of hear, hear;) but the composition of the Board may change—probably will; and although medical men are proverbial for their honor, still all are not *honest*; and if they felt disposed, they have the opportunity to deal unfairly. If everything is to be done fairly and in good faith, let us have it down in black and white, and thus remove the temptation to be otherwise.

The Council then adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The PRESIDENT (Dr. Brouse) took the chair at 10 o'clock.

The SECRETARY called the Roll, all the members present except Dr. Berryman, Dr. Grant and Dr. R. H. Clark.

The minutes of preceding day were read and approved.

The Report of Dr. WICKSON, Matriculation Examiner, was presented by the Registrar. He reported three examinations held, at which 39 candidates presented themselves, of whom 37 were successful in passing, and two were rejected. He suggested a change in the days for holding the examinations; and also recommended certain changes in the subjects, to be prepared prior to the preliminary examination.

The report was referred to the Educational Committee, and the financial statement to the Finance Committee.

Dr. COVERTON presented the report of the Board of Examiners, which was referred to the Education Committee.

The following is the

REPORT OF THE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee appointed by the Board of Examiners to draft a report to the Council, regret that, in consequence of the late hour at which their labors terminated—viz., midnight of Saturday, the 6th instant—and the pressing necessity of returning to their several homes by the only train that left Kingston on Sunday morning, they were

unable to meet as a Board and adopt a report; but, as in the course of the five days they were engaged in the work of examination, several matters came up connected with the mode of procedure of the different schools, and the suggestions then made for a greater uniformity were accepted by the representatives of the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians of Kingston, of the Toronto School of Medicine (affiliated with the University of Toronto), and the School of Medicine of Victoria College, situate in Toronto, as being calculated to place, in the future, the students educated in the various institutions on a perfect equality, they venture to send in this informal report of the work assigned them by the Council.

The Committee would, then, respectfully submit that their desire for conferring the simple act of justice upon the students of classifying them as First Class, Second Class, Honor, and Passmen, was prevented on this the inauguration of Medical Council examinations, by the differences in the curriculum of the various schools.

To guard against this in the future, they would suggest that hereafter no primary examinations should be allowed, other than those passed before the Board. They would further suggest the propriety of a yearly registration being insisted upon by the Council, of the various branches of study the Committee on Education may determine upon as the most fitting for each year's work; and that effectually to raise the standard of qualification of future practitioners, matriculation should, after this, be insisted upon as the commencement of medical study, and that in the future the gentlemen engaged in the work of examining for matriculation should be requested to exact a greater degree of proficiency than was, in too many instances, adduced at this examination of the Medical Council—bad spelling and grammatical errors having been more prominently displayed in some papers than we could have imagined possible.

The Committee would further recommend, that yearly examinations on the branches determined by the Council shall be required to be held either by the colleges alone or in conjunction with assessors appointed by the Council, or by the examiners of the Medical Council. By this means the student's exertions during his novitiate will be directed in the natural order of his studies, and his industry kindled by the stimulus of the examinations, during which novitiate he will not merely be qualifying for final adjudication of his right to practice, but also acquiring the reputation of a promising candidate for the honors of his profession.

This system would secure a thorough investigation into the whole course of a student's knowledge; and, if the final examination be made practical in every department capable of being brought under the senses, e.g.: Anatomy and Surgery, by demonstrations on the cadaver; *Materia Medica*, by recognizing and pronouncing on the proportion and purity of drugs, from a case of samples; Diagnosis and Practise of Medicine in Hospital Wards, &c., the guarantee to the public of perfect efficiency of the Licentiates of the Council, will be as complete as it is possible for some time to come to make it.

While it is a matter for regret that the discrepancies alluded to prevented the examiners from clas-