

He pointed out that the Government grant to patients in the hospitals had fallen from 20c per diem to 18c per diem. This was due to the fact that while the total grant for many years had remained, the number of hospitals and patients had greatly increased. He pointed out that the cost of maintenance had increased from 40c to 80c or \$1.00 per day. This was owing to better and more expensive accommodation being required. He further pointed out that the Succession Duties Act which took a good slice of wealthy estates for charitable purposes, often prevented wealthy persons from making bequests to hospitals. Thus, while the Government grant had decreased nearly one-half, there were fewer private and voluntary donations and legacies. He went on to say that few municipalities did all that they ought to do, and some did nothing towards the maintenance of its indigent sick. He urged that steps be taken to secure a proper measure of county and city aid. He suggested that a Provincial Hospital Association be formed to further the welfare of the various hospitals.

The following resolutions were then put and unanimously adopted :

NAME.

The organization shall be known as the Ontario Hospital Association.

OBJECTS.

- 1st. To procure increased Government aid for the maintenance of indigent patients in the public hospitals of Ontario.
- 2nd. To take steps to secure a proper amount of county and civic aid.
- 3rd. To promote, by mutual suggestion and discussion, the interests of hospital work throughout the province.

MEETINGS.

The Association shall meet annually at Toronto at such time as may be decided best in the opinion of the Executive for the furtherance of the work of the Association,

OFFICERS.

The officers shall consist of a President, six Vice-Presidents, a Secretary-Treasurer and a Committee of eight, who shall constitute the Executive, and of which number five shall form a quorum.

MEMBERSHIP.

Each hospital in the Province receiving Government aid shall be entitled to be represented, and any member of its Board shall be entitled to membership in the Association, but that each hospital shall be entitled to one vote.

FEES FOR MEMBERSHIP.

- 1st. It was moved and adopted that the minimum fee from each hospital be five dollars, and
- 3rd. That the fee for individual membership one dollar.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President—Edward C. Gurney, Esq., Toronto.

Vice-Presidents—C. O'Reilly, M.D., Toronto; J. P. Featherstone, Esq.