

The Registration Committee reported in favour of allowing F. B. McCormick, South Point, Pelee Island, to come up for registration. They also reported that the Council had no power to re-enter the name of E. B. Sparham on the register.

The opinion having been expressed by the solicitor that the University of Ottawa had no power to confer degrees in medicine, and therefore no right to representation in the Council, a reply was received from the authorities of that institution stating that they had the power to grant degrees in medicine. Dr. Grant, of Ottawa, who was present, was accordingly invited to take his seat as representative of the Ottawa University, and accepted the invitation amid great applause.

Dr. Cranston moved that a vote of thanks be passed to the Ontario Government for their exertions in perfecting the Bureau of Health. Carried.

Dr. Wright presented the report of the Education Committee, which was adopted. It recommended a change in the regulation requiring graduates of arts to spend four years in college, to three years as formerly; also that students passing the matriculation examination, shall prove their identity. It also recommended the increase of the registration fee to \$25, and the re-appointment of the examining board of last year.

Dr. Day presented the report of the Committee on Rules and Regulations. It stated that the solicitor had reported that the Council had no power to hold its final examination except at Toronto and Kingston, but that primary examinations could be held wherever the Council chose.

Dr. Henderson presented the report of the Finance Committee, which was adopted. It stated that there was a balance on hand of \$6,291.53, after all expenses had been met. The total assets, including cash on hand, building and grounds, and dues uncollected, are \$33,291.51, and total liabilities embracing the mortgage and interest, expenses of the present Council, and unpaid accounts, \$8,318.39. There is a balance in favor of the Council of \$24,973.14. The arrears of members' fees amounted to \$7,000.

Dr. Grant moved that Drs. Burns, Wright, and the Secretary, be a committee to adopt some inexpensive way of protecting the papers and documents of the Council. Carried.

Dr. Harris moved that this Council record with pleasure its sense of the zeal displayed by those medical students who have served in the North-West. Carried.

After the passing of formal votes of thanks the Council adjourned *sine die*.

## Selected Articles.

### DISSEMINATED CEREBRO-SPINAL SCLEROSIS.

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GENTLEMEN,—I bring before you to-day a patient lately admitted to Bed 1, in John ward, whose case furnishes me with some points of great interest, to which I shall ask your attention. It is one of a class well fitted for a clinical lecture, which, as you know, is nothing if not demonstrative, and little more than a systematic or didactic one if the patient is not brought before you. Clinical medicine has all to do with individual cases, and that teaching of it is most proper which best illustrates the points to be noted to each of you in as direct and living a manner as possible.

I will presently tell this man to walk across the theatre, and ask you to notice his gait. If you look at him first as he stands at rest, you will not observe anything remarkable about him. You see a young man in seeming good health, well nourished, and with complete control over his equilibrium. I now ask him to close his eyes. He stands erect, and without any tremor or instability. And now, as he walks, you notice a peculiarity in the action of his right leg. This limb moves stiffly, and there is over-action of it. It is lifted higher off the ground than the other, and is clumsy in movement. We say there is some spastic action in it. I now give him this glass of water to take in his right hand. At once, you see, a violent spasmodic action occurs, vigorous tremulation, so great that he nearly empties all the water before he has well seized the glass. If he next attempts to raise the vessel to his lips, the movements become more and more exaggerated, so that all the water is spilt and the empty glass rattles against his teeth. I remove the vessel from his hand, and all the spasm ceases forthwith. As he stands quietly once more, you notice that the right arm remains tranquil and free from tremor. I try his power of grasp in each hand, and find a marked weakness in the right one, although he is a right-handed man. I now lay bare his forearms and compare the condition of his muscles. You observe no signs of wasting; the muscles are well developed and of good and equal tone on both sides. On examining his face, you see that his muscles of expression are stable and free from tremor, his lips firm, and his eye-balls quite steady. His pupils are unequal, certainly, but that is due to the action of atropine in one of them, used to allow examination of the retina of the right eye. No squint; no facial palsy. Testing his sensory functions, we find no abnormal state; all is as it should be. On enquiry as to any