

& Lovett's "Orthopedic Surgery on Hip Disease." Ignipuncture, by means of the actual cautery, has several advocates, who report very favorably on it. And it seems reasonable to expect good results in some cases. The great danger of excision is, perhaps, general tuberculosis by surgical infection. This is said to be avoided by using the cautery. Medicine of any kind is of very little use, although tonics are indicated at times. Cod liver oil, when it is assimilated, is of great benefit. The great thing is to give patients a simple, nourishing diet, and as much fresh air as possible. In the summer time they should live in the open air in the day time, and sleep in well-ventilated rooms at night.

### Medical Council Meeting.

#### PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF MEDICAL COUNCIL OF ONTARIO IN JUNE, 1894.

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Dr. FULTON—I want to state that Mr. Wasson has done a great amount of work. The Finance Committee does not suggest discontinuing his services at all because of any idea that he was doing his work inefficiently, but it is simply to keep down the expenses, in view of the fact that no annual dues are being collected. Mr. Wasson has done a great deal of work—nearly three times as much as was done in my year by any other detective. I believe he has prosecuted in thirty-five cases this year (hear, hear), which shows there is a great necessity for still having a detective in the field. And every person that is at all familiar with the facts of those cases is well aware that he has succeeded to a great extent—succeeded admirably. And when we come to learn there is only about \$500 of an expense higher than what we were paying Detective Webb for the small amount of work he was doing compared with what Mr. Wasson is doing, we can't consider his expenses have been burdensome to the Council.

Dr. BRAY—I agree with what the previous speakers have said, but they have not enumerated it all, or half. You know, Mr. Chairman, that Mr. Wasson has been invaluable to the Discipline Committee; that he has done work that his predecessor was not capable of doing. And I rise now to move that Mr. Wasson be re-appointed public prosecutor of this Council at the same salary as he had before.

Dr. MOORE—I will second that.

Dr. DAY—I would like to say a word or two upon this point. Perhaps I have been as intimately connected with this prosecution business as any member of the Council, and in my mind there are one or two things to be considered. Are you going to do away with this illicit practicing and this quackery by registered men or are you going to try to suppress it? In my section of the country I find the great cry was, up to the last two years, what are you doing to get these quacks out? You are doing nothing; you are giving us no protection; we are not getting protection at

all. There is nobody looking after these people. And the cry was very strong. And now there is nobody complaining. They say now the Council has done a great work (it has expelled men whose names I won't mention), even the professional quacks have had to behave themselves; and it is very highly appreciated. You may suspend the operations, you may curtail them, and leave this work under the direction of Dr. Pyne, or of the President, or anybody you like, but if you let it go out to the world and to the quacks that we have curtailed Mr. Wasson and that he is not now doing as efficient duty as he has been doing, you are going to have all the old condition of things back again, redoubled, and have the complaints renewed, and have the profession simply howling about it. I believe, as a matter of policy, although that is too low a point to consider it from, that it would be the most unpopular thing, because it would be the most unwise thing, this Council could do to suspend the course that we have been pursuing in prosecuting these quacks, and prosecuting not only the illegal practitioners, but the legal practitioners who have gone wrong. It is a thing that has been well received in all sections of the country.

Dr. BRAY—Very well, all over.

Dr. DAY—While the expenses have been heavy, you must remember that you can't get an efficient service of that kind without you pay for it.

I quite agree that a Commissioner might take this evidence just as well as a Discipline Committee, but no provision for appointing a Commissioner exists now in the Medical Act.

And just for the present, to stop altogether these prosecutions, except one or two irritating cases, would be a mistake. Dr. Pyne might say, "I have the power to send Mr. Wasson, but they have stopped the thing on account of expense, and I feel very delicate about sending out there; the Council might come back next year and say, What did you send him there for; he didn't even convict the man after he went?" Nobody can tell what will take place.

I think Mr. Wasson has exercised the greatest amount of prudence and good judgment in the selection of the persons he prosecuted and the manner he took to prosecute them, far more than I thought he was capable of, and far more than I believe ninety-nine men out of every hundred are capable of. I think he is a most efficient officer; and I think to dispense with his services or curtail the work we are going on with would be to throw us back for ten years; and you would have the country flooded with all those obnoxious practitioners, professional as well as others, and I think it would be a most unwise thing, and more than that, it would be injuring the public to allow such persons loose on the country again. Now they are pretty well suppressed, and I think the tension simply being kept up will be a very great thing. For these reasons I think it would be a most foolish thing to stop now.

Dr. MOORE—I wish to call the attention of the committee to the fact that Mr. Webb was a free lance; he went where he had a mind to, and prosecuted whom he liked, and didn't consult anybody. He did just as he had a mind to; and he didn't please all the time. The facts are different with Mr. Wasson; he has only acted at the instance of the Council, the Registrar or the Discipline Committee; and he has acted only