

from fines, the agent employed by the committee had collected a large number of fees, the arrearages paid up in this way which would otherwise have been lost to the society amounting to \$371, which, added to the \$350 from fines, gave a total of \$721, against which there was an expenditure of \$629. So that the work done had cost nothing; but had netted a cash surplus of \$92.

A matter of some interest was referred to in the following paragraph:

"Your committee beg also to call your attention to the large number of suicides that are reported in the press from day to day, many of which result from the careless sale of Paris green now existing, the sale of which, in view of these facts, we submit, should be under the same restrictions as other dangerous poisons."

A paragraph referring to the Simpson case stated that the committee had endeavored to carry out the instructions of the council, but so far without much success, owing to the technicalities which had been raised by the defence. The matter was still *sub judice*, however, and would come up on appeal at the approaching sessions.

In presenting this report Mr. Karn expressed his belief that the drug trade was in better condition than ever before, largely owing to the persistent work of the committee. Touching on the Simpson case he observed that the charge had been made in the press that the college was guilty of petty persecution in keeping up the fight after the courts had gone against them. This he emphatically denied, and pointed out that the courts had not gone against them as had been represented. The courts had decided that Robert Simpson, as an individual, could not sell drugs, but it allowed The Robert Simpson Co. to do so, making a distinction without any practical difference as far as the interests of the public were concerned. It was to endeavor to get the latter decision reversed and made to conform with the previous judgment that the appeal was now being taken. In conclusion, Mr. Karn declared that the committee was proud of its work, and trusted that the council was satisfied with what had been done.

Mr. Waters seconded the motion to adopt the report, and in doing so expressed much gratification on behalf of the druggists at the work accomplished. Such a report was a complete answer to the oft reiterated question from retailers, "What does the college do for us?"

The report was adopted.

Mr. Maclaren presented report No. 2 of the Executive and Finance Committee. It recommended that accounts amounting to \$183.11 be paid; that with reference to the offer of the *Pharmaceutical Journal* the present arrangement for publishing the minutes was satisfactory, and no charge was advisable; that Mr. Roberts' proposal to offer a rebate of \$3 for prompt payment of annual fees be laid over; that the president and registrar be

authorized to rearrange the mortgage debt; and that no assistant be engaged at the present time.

Upon the last clause Mr. Daniel urged that the time was opportune to appoint a graduate of the college as assistant to the professors. The graduates had not received any encouragement in the past, and there were any number of good and capable men ready and able to take up the work, and these deserved recognition.

Mr. Maclaren endorsed all that Mr. Daniel said about their graduate, but added that the committee had not been able to see the necessity of any addition to the staff just now. So long as the faculty gave the excellent and capable service now being rendered, he could not support any proposal to make a change. When a change became necessary from any cause he would strongly support the claims of their own graduates.

Mr. Mackenzie wanted some definite suggestions as to what work the proposed assistant would do. They must be very careful in making such an appointment that no friction was caused among the present members of the faculty.

Finally, the clause was referred back to allow of a report from a special committee appointed to deal with the same question six months before. On motion, Mr. Spackman was added to that committee in place of Mr. Scott, who was absent from the present meeting.

Upon motion, the registrar was ordered to prepare and publish 2,000 announcements as heretofore.

Upon motion, the registrar was instructed to prepare and publish the minutes of the present session as usual.

Mr. Watters moved for the reconsideration of report No. 2 of the Education Committee, as he had gathered fuller information upon the salary question. The motion secured the necessary two-thirds vote and the report was ordered to be referred back to the committee for reconsideration, after which the council adjourned for lunch.

Upon reassembling, Mr. Watters presented the following report from the special committee on the appointment of assistants: "Your committee would respectfully report that they have not sufficient information in their possession to warrant them in recommending the appointment of assistants at the present time."

After another emphatic protest from Mr. Daniel the report was adopted without further discussion.

The special committee appointed to deal with the matter of securing a reduction on the duty on alcohol recommended that the president be requested to procure all available data upon the subject; that petitions be drawn up to the Dominion Government and circulated for signature throughout the several electoral districts. The report was adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws and Legislation presented a brief report, which con-

tained nothing of interest and which was adopted *nem. con.*

The Committee on Education reported back in reference to salaries of the faculty, recommending no change in the report as previously adopted.

Mr. Watters moved in amendment that Dr. Scott's stipend be raised to \$1,200, the old figure. Mr. Daniel objected that at that rate Dr. Scott would get \$6 a lecture, and Dr. Fotheringham only received about \$3.95. He claimed that the demonstrator was as important and valuable as the lecturer and both should be paid on the same basis.

Mr. Watters replied that payment on the basis of hours had never been recognized. The subjects taught varied in importance, and this fact must have effect in fixing amount of remuneration.

After some further discussion the amendment was lost, Messrs. Watters, Snyder, McKee, and Maclaren supporting it, and the report was adopted on the same vote.

A supplemental report was put in by the Education Committee, recommending that a book be kept in which the professors register each lecture as delivered. The report was approved.

In accordance with by-law 4, the registrar was instructed to issue a circular notifying the members of the college that the elections would come on in July.

This being the last meeting of the present council, Mr. Watters moved a vote of thanks to the president for the impartial manner in which he had filled the chair, and for his able administration of the affairs of the college during the two years of his incumbency. Mr. McKee seconded, and the motion was adopted with loud applause.

Mr. Mackenzie returned thanks, expressing his gratification at the fact that he had the confidence of the council so fully, and declaring that he had always endeavored to act without fear, favor, or affection to the best of his judgment. He fully appreciated the kindly relations existing between himself and the members of the council, and acknowledged the consideration always shown him. (Applause)

Upon the motion of Messrs. Daniel and Karn, who both spoke enthusiastically thereto, Mr. Isaac T. Lewis was re-engaged as registrar treasurer for a further term of two years. Several other members spoke of the excellent and indefatigable services rendered the college by Mr. Lewis, and the vote was hearty and unanimous.

Mr. Lewis replied, acknowledging his devotion to the college, and declaring that although he "was an old fellow of 70" there was lots of life and work in him yet.

The council then adjourned until the August meeting, unless previously called together by the president.

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