

to law. He refrained from expressing an opinion either way.

Dr. MACDONALD said that it was an evidence of the propriety of the course adopted by the Committee that when the question was brought before the Council the Council was not put in for the costs. He repeated that the profession was told from Toronto that such and such was the case, and they believed.

Dr. GEIKIE—Whom were they told by?

Dr. MACDONALD did not know by whom, but he knew they were told. If there was a small Committee last year, and a special reason for it, he maintained that they were worthy of commendation instead of the reproach that had been showered upon them from some quarters. He did not believe the profession was so much exercised upon that topic as had been stated.

A vote was then taken, and the amendment of Dr. Clark was carried.

#### APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER.

Dr. GRANT moved "That Dr. Aikins be re-appointed Treasurer of the Council." Dr. Aikins had been treasurer for about fourteen years, and from the admirable manner in which he had always kept the accounts it was their duty to elect him.

Dr. BERGIN seconded the nomination.

Dr. BRAY moved, and Dr. BURRITT seconded, "That Dr. Burns be appointed Treasurer."

Dr. McCAMMON would support Dr. Aikins. There had been no charge brought against his management of the finances, and he did not see any necessity for a change. It looked as if the territorial men were determined to carry everything from the school men in making appointments.

Dr. BROUSE said that when Dr. Aikins was first appointed he took the position without emolument, and on more than one occasion he had advanced funds in order to keep the Council afloat. As he had not resigned, it would be better to re-appoint him. Dr. Burns had already been honoured by the Council in being placed on the Executive Committee. Dr. Aikins was a man of strength and power and of great assistance, and it would be to the interest of the College to have him identified with its interests.

Dr. GEIKIE did not think that Dr. Aikins' management of the finances could be found fault with. Still he thought it was wrong to appoint a school man to the position of treasurer permanently on account of the influence he might exercise in favour of his particular school on the students who came to him to pay their fees. It was for that reason, and for that alone, that he thought it better to appoint an outside man.

Dr. BURRITT would favour the election of a

treasurer to whom they could not impute any motive for advancing the interests of any school represented by him.

Dr. CLARK supported Dr. Aikins' re-appointment. If it were found that Dr. Aikins had used his position for the aggrandizement of his school, he would be the first to have him removed. He knew that during the past year, out of about 400 students who came to the Treasurer to pay their fees, he had only received money in person from one individual.

Dr. LAVELL thought that Dr. Aikins had husbanded the resources of the Council, and had faithfully discharged his duties as Treasurer. He claimed for school men that they had an equal right with territorial representatives to any position which might be in the gift of the Council, and he confessed that they had perhaps received their full share of office in the Council. The school men were foremost in securing the legislation, in 1866, which placed the College in the independent position in which they now found themselves. When a treasurer had performed his duty faithfully and well, it was hard to throw him overboard in the manner proposed.

Dr. McCARGOW paid a high compliment to the manner in which the accounts were presented to the Finance Committee. He felt bound, however, in deference to his constituents, to vote for an outside man.

Dr. BERGIN said the question was not one of representation, but simply whether the Treasurer had been an efficient officer and had done his duty by the Council, and whether or not his conduct in the past was a guarantee that he would do his duty in the future. He did not think they should do an injustice to a faithful servant by listening to the many complaints and reports that had come to their ears. The history of all financial concerns showed that they did not change their treasurer very often, and at the present time, having regard to the state of their finances, he did not think it would be wise to "swap horses while crossing a stream." They should not at present deprive themselves of the benefit of the advice which Dr. Aikins had proved himself capable of giving in College matters.

Dr. Grant's motion was then put and carried on the following division:—Yeas—Drs. Bergin, Brouse, Clark, Grant, Henderson, Husband, Lavell, Macdonald, Morden, Mostyn, McCammon, Vernon, and Wright—13. Nays—Drs. Bray, Burritt, Douglas, Edwards, Geikie, Logan, McCargow, and Williams—8.

#### APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR.

Dr. BERGIN moved "That Dr. Robert A. Pyne, son of the retiring Registrar, be appointed to the position." Carried.