

death of G. S. Hobart of Kingston a former member of the Council.

A letter was read from the committee of representatives of educational institutions who are arranging for the invitation of the British Association for the advancement of Science to visit Toronto in 1897 and after brief discussion was referred to committee for report.

The Registrar-Secretary presented his half-yearly report as follows.—

Toronto, August 1st, 1894.

To the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy:

GENTLEMEN,—I beg to report that since the 1st of February, 1894, the following medical practitioners have taken out registration, viz.: F. G. E. Pearson, Weston; W. S. Black, Oakville; John M. Forbes, Caledonia. A. B. Singleton, Lyndhurst; John Noble, Toronto; H. J. Meiklejohn, Sterling; M. J. Beeman, Newburgh; D. J. McIntosh, Vankleek Hill; Geo. W. Gould, Colborne; Henry H. Reeve, Toledo; Thos. Wicketh, Crediton; and E. W. Gemmill, Pakenham (in abeyance). The number of applications of apprentices for registration has been 86, few of whom are in abeyance for the Council to deal with.

The number of renewals issued since the 1st day of Feb., 1894, were as follows: 1 for 1888, 1 for 1889, 2 for 1890, 5 for 1891, 6 for 1892, 20 for 1893, and 509 for 1894; total 544.

The detailed statement of receipts and disbursements for the last six months showed total receipts amounting to \$8,544.63, of which the principal items were: Balance in hand Feb. 1st, \$5,260.67; renewal fees, \$2,176; apprentices' registration fees, \$86; M. D.'s registration fees, \$48; teaching department fees, \$349.90; examination fees, less disbursements, \$566.13. The contra account showed disbursements amounting to \$8,147.30, leaving a credit balance on hand of \$397.33. The principal items of disbursements were current expenses of maintenance, \$220.96; interest, \$452.89; Council meeting expenses, \$253.34; paid off mortgage, apparatus and appliances, \$217.32; Supplies, \$284.06; internal fittings, \$97.12; salaries, \$3,995.90; *Pharmaceutical Journal*, \$186; deposit fees, \$420; laboratory apparatus, \$110.33; coal, water and gas, \$139; law expenses, 26.48; deposit and special mortgage account, \$1,000.

The auditor's report presented the following financial statement:

ASSETS.	
College building	\$33,551 52
Furniture, apparatus & appliances	11,000 00
College lot	500 00
Outstanding fees, estimated	1300 00
Supplies estimated	300 00
Poison and Liquor Books	230 85
Cash balance	59 90
Bank balance	357 43
Special deposit	1000 00
	\$52,780 00
LIABILITIES.	
Mortgage, the Synod	\$16,000 00
Interest to date	146 67
Salary account	125 00
Library fund	112 45
Sundry account	765 31
Balance	3,560 57
	\$52,780 00

These reports were ordered to be handed to the Executive and Finance Committee.

The report of the Board of Examiners was as follows:

To the Council of the Ontario College of Pharmacy:

GENTLEMEN, Your Board of Examiners beg to report that at the forty-seventh semi-annual examination held at the College Building from the 7th to the 14th May last 85 candidates pro-

ceeded themselves, 3 on part subjects, and 85 on the whole.

After giving the results in detail the report continues:

Your examiners beg to recommend that for the time during which the present regulations governing apprentices as to term of service and college course remains in force, the following or some modifications of it be adopted.

That apprentices who have commenced their apprenticeship subsequent to the passing of the Pharmacy Act of 1889 may attend the junior course at the College at any time during their apprenticeship period, and that such time shall count as a part of such service, and that the senior course may be attended within a period of four years and five months from the date of registration as an apprentice, and at the course nearest to the termination of such period and prior to the Council Examination which they may attend, provided that those who may pass this examination shall have their certificate withheld until the termination of the full period covered by the four years of service in addition to the time in attendance at the senior course.

Your Examiners are of opinion that the term courses as now constituted are too short to enable the staff to impart thoroughly the instruction designed to be given, and would therefore recommend an early extension of the course.

We recommend that in future Council Examinations be held in the College Building, unless the attendance exceeds one hundred, the Registrar to be empowered to secure the Medical or other building when necessary.

We recommend that an appropriation be made to provide the requisite weights and scales to complete the Pharmaceutical Laboratory for dispensing examination purposes and that the time for such examination be extended to three hours.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. Hutchinson, Chairman.

The report was passed on to the Committee on Education.

Moved by John A. Clark, seconded by J. McKee, that it is desirable, and the time has now arrived that a substantial reduction should be made in the annual fees paid by the druggists of the province; and that the sum of \$2 per annum is all that the druggists should be required to pay towards carrying out the provisions of the Pharmacy Act, and it is desirable that such a reduction be made in the near future, and that this resolution be referred to the Executive and Finance Committee to report to the Council with a view of a reduction for the year 1895-6.

In support of his motion Mr. Clark submitted many figures from which he desired to show that the proposed reduction would be warranted at the present juncture. A report prepared six months ago, he said, showed that during the past three years the assets of the College had increased \$3000 a year, while in the future, several items of expenditure might be curtailed. They could save \$760 which had been paid to subsidize a journal, \$2,000 had been paid off the mortgage and another \$1,000 could be paid before the proposed reduction would come into force, leaving a mortgage of only \$14,000 to carry. The College fittings were about complete now, and at least \$100 would be saved on that item next year, supplies were pretty well up and would cost \$150 to \$200 less next year than last, another \$100 could be saved in law expenses, making in all at least \$1300 which would be saved to offset the

\$1700 deficit caused by reducing the fees as proposed. There was no likelihood of any reduction in the receipts from school fees, or other sources of income, so that, on the present basis of income, there was a very small deficit to be made up. It was true the Act required the College to collect \$1 each from the druggists, but it did not say that none of this could be returned to their members. An objection might be made that the mortgagees would object to this proposal, as it would lessen their security, but he was satisfied there was all the security needed in the lot and buildings.

Mr. D'Avignon said that Mr. Polson and himself had advocated a similar reduction a year ago, but at that time Mr. Clark strongly opposed it on the ground that the mortgagees would not consent. In any event legislation would be necessary to enable them to put such a proposal in operation.

Mr. Polson was greatly surprised at the change in Mr. Clark's attitude on this question. Long ago he attempted to bring about this reform and had found Mr. Clark one of its strongest opponents and now he came along and was attempting to steal his thunder. No doubt Mr. Clark was in the secrets of the inner circle, was indeed the high priest of the new regime, but—

Mr. Clark—I object to that expression and ask Mr. Polson to withdraw it.

Mr. Polson continuing—but he cared not from whom the proposal came, he would support it, believing it was a right one.

Mr. Mackenzie was not certain whether he would support the proposal or not, until he had looked more closely into the financial condition of the college at the present time. He advised the Council to make haste slowly, and avoid promoting legislation which would antagonise any section of the community.

Mr. McGregor was willing to see the fees reduced to \$2, but did not think the time had arrived for the change. There were other things to be considered, the salaries they were paying the staff were very meagre, and he thought they were in honor bound, to consider whether some improvement could be made in that direction before reducing their income. Then the druggists wanted a journal that would honestly protect the interests of the retail trade and he was sure they would gladly pay \$1, if it ensured the publication of a paper that would conserve their interest properly. Mr. Clark's figures were splendid in theory, but it was unwise to count their chickens before they were hatched.

Mr. Clark replied to the objection raised, after which the resolution was passed on to the Executive Committee.

The matter of filling the vacancy in the representation in No. 10 district caused by the death of Mr. Hall, was next taken up and the names of W. A. Karn, of Woodstock, and R. A. Duncan, of Embro, suggested, the former by Messrs. McKee and Mackenzie, and the