

These were passed by the Bathurst and Rideau Association at the convocation held on the 15th ultimo. Every member in the Division had been notified to attend, and as it was a regular meeting, those present were competent to do such work and pass such resolutions as they saw proper. One of the objects of a medical association is mutual improvement, but it is also an object—and a very important one—to take such action as may be deemed best upon every matter of medical interest or importance which may be brought before the associates. The question of who shall represent this Division in the Council, is certainly of sufficient medical interest to the members of the Bathurst and Rideau Association that it may be discussed at any one of the meetings, and if the members chose to pass resolutions bearing upon the subject, they were acting clearly within their right, and they were doing what they considered was in the true interest of all concerned. The members present at that meeting were aware of Dr. Cranston's statements and promises given ten years ago, they knew of the understanding between the city and country of representation by turns, there was no evidence before them that the Doctor was such a brilliant and hard working representative that he should receive the honour again, and, therefore, for the sake of equity and justice, and in the interest of the association, those present passed these resolutions. We are told there were few there; perhaps so, but I am sorry to say it was about an average attendance since Dr. Cranston has been President, and if the meeting had been larger, and a discussion had arisen, much stronger resolutions would probably have been carried, and quite as unanimously. Anyone can comprehend that these propositions were passed as a protest against the underhand methods used by the Doctor to lock up the vote, if possible, in his favour, and thus prevent a free choice on the part of the electors. My opponent seems to whine piteously that the association should pass a resolution affecting his prospects, but *when the members realized that he wanted to occupy the position fourteen years, or nearly a lifetime*, and when they considered that he had acted not openly but stealthily to accomplish his purpose, they did not choose to pass these things by in silence, but they determined to place on record a resolution which would show how they felt about the matter.

(2.) Let us pass to the topic of harmony in the Division. Concerning the relations hitherto existing between the members in the country and those in the city, Dr. Cranston deplures that the harmony should be destroyed, and that it would be a pity if they ranged themselves into two hostile camps. I quite agree with him, but I do not think there is any danger of this occurring, only, undoubtedly, the present member has done more to accomplish that unpleasant condition of things than anyone ever did before. He surely is not stupid enough to think the members throughout the Division do not see through his tactics, which are really to bind together all the members in the country and thus crush out the city's chance of having the representative. How nobly, with what gratitude, he thus rewards the kindness once shown him by the city members in an election! These, then, are his tactics, gentlemen, and will you, the members in the rural part of the Division, allow them to be successful? I feel certain you will not. True, you have been thus far led by Dr. Cranston into signing his election paper, and if you should tolerate and become parties to his tactics you will injure and possibly annihilate the pleasant harmony which ought to exist throughout the whole division. The city members cannot be expected to take their usual interest in the association if my opponent is elected this time, and the physicians of Perth will not attend the meetings of the association so long as Dr. Cranston remains the President—and thus, for the sake of the cordial relations hitherto existing between the members, it is earnestly to be hoped every well wisher of the Bathurst and Rideau Association, will aid with his vote in maintaining peace and good will among the members of the Division.

(3.) Another point to be discussed is the length of time Dr. Cranston has represented us in the Council. It is somewhat amusing in the light of all the facts to have him say that because he has been in the Council nine years, or two terms, he should now be sent there for five years longer, inasmuch as a new member could not work as well as he can. That surely is presumption with very little addition of common sense. I am thoroughly acquainted with the Medical Act and with the rules and regulations of the Council, and I venture to assert that I have had five times the experience in legal affairs ever Dr. Cranston has had, so that in going to the Council I carry with me knowledge both of legal and legislative formula, which will aid me in securing the reforms I believe are required. The workings of the Council are exceedingly simple, by no means complicated, and we have to exercise our imaginations to ascertain anything the Doctor has already done in the interests of the profession while acting as our representative. But how long should a member remain our representative? That is easily answered, because Dr. Cranston himself has fixed the limit. Ten years ago, that is in 1880, when he was engaged in an election in this Division, what did he think then of a member seeking the position for a second term? Let us see. Below I give a copy of a circular issued by him on that occasion, and I herewith beg to acknowledge my indebtedness for the use of this "precious" document to a highly esteemed physician residing in one of the towns in the Bathurst and Rideau Division:

"DEAR SIR,—

"By this time you will have seen that Dr. Mostyn is also a candidate for the representation of the Rideau and Bathurst Division on the Medical Council.

"The position, which is an honourable and highly important one, *should be held successively by the members of the Division*, except in cases where potent reasons to the contrary can be urged.

"Now, whilst I have not the slightest desire to undervalue Dr. Mostyn's qualifications, I hold there are dozens in the division equally able and qualified to represent us in the Medical Council, who should enjoy that privilege as soon as circumstances may permit. Holding this opinion, in which I feel certain you concur, I am not backward in stating that *the Doctor is showing a selfish and avaricious disposition in asking the position a second time*, until the other qualified members who may desire it have their turn. If the office is to be monopolized from term to term by one or two, then there is an end to any laudable rivalry to develop the essential qualifications for filling such a position.

"On these grounds, on which I trust you hold similar views, my claims to the support of my *confreres* are stronger and better founded than those of my opponent.

"I am, yours very truly,

"Arnprior, 11th May, 1880."

"J. G. CRANSTON.

"P.S.—Please let me hear from you at as early a date as possible.

Verily, how easy is it for some men to forget when it suits their purpose to do so! Surely he must expect us to admire the honest consistency exhibited in the position he took then and that he takes now. With what lofty sentiments

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