

Dr. Elliott, of Gravenhurst, stated that the sanitarium at Gravenhurst was filled to its utmost capacity, and in consequence he had been unable to find suitable quarters for several consumptive patients he had under his charge.

It was shown that with the gain in knowledge as to the contagious character of the disease people had come to regard persons affected with tuberculosis with alarm. General hospitals were enjoined under pain of forfeiture of Government and municipal grants from receiving consumptive patients, and this was a wise precaution, as it was a highly dangerous thing for sick people to be thrown in contact with persons suffering from tuberculosis.

Dr. T. H. Thornton, of Consecon, regarded the malady as contagious as small-pox, and in order to stamp it out, or at least prevent its spread, provision should be made so that consumptives could be isolated and at the same time given the treatment necessary to their recovery. The Medical Association were the proper body to take charge, and the Province should bear the expense of such a movement. Dr. Mearns, of Woodstock, spoke along the same lines.

The financial statement showed a reduction on mortgage loan of \$5,000, with a revenue of about \$35,000, and a balance on hand of \$5,764.92.

The first order of business on Thursday, July 6th, was consideration of certain amendments to the Medical Act which will preclude the probability of Christian Scientists and other "faith healers" evading the provisions of the law on technicalities.

Dr. Robertson presented the report of the committee on the matter, and after several changes had been made in the wording of the amendments, the report was adopted and referred to the solicitor, with instructions to frame a bill for presentation to the Legislature at its next session.

The clause bearing on the question sets forth that it shall not be lawful for any person not registered as a qualified practitioner to practise medicine, surgery, midwifery, or any other method of healing, or to attend upon or attempt to attend upon any person the subject of, or supposed to be the subject of, illness or disease, for hire, gain, or hope of reward. Any person so offending, on a summary conviction before a magistrate, will be liable to a penalty not exceeding \$100 and not less than \$25.

The words added, and which it is believed will prove effective, so far as Christian Scientists are concerned, are: "or any other method of healing."

When the report was brought down the words "medicine, surgery and midwifery" were eliminated, and the "art of healing" substituted.

Dr. Ryan, Dr. Arthur Jukes Johnson and others strongly