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DEAR DOCTOR,—Will you permit me to quote from a verbatim copy by the official stenographer of the discussion that took place in the Medical Council at its special meeting in December, 1909, on the subject of the Council's finances? This will be printed in the next Announcement. I had drawn attention to some discrepancies—as they seemed to me—in the accounts of the Examiners and asked for an explanation from the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Dr. Hart said as follows: "Our Financial Department is badly organized. We have a Treasurer who does his work honestly and we have the Chairman of our Finance Committee, against whom I would not cast any suspicion; but no one of these men is in a position to scrutinize the accounts. What can we do?"

Dr. Temple (Chairman of the Finance Committee): "Dr. Hart has properly asked the question, What can we do? We must do the thing ourselves. In the present system there must be some alteration. I do not mean to say one single member of the Council has ever done anything that is wrong; but certainly, as the accounts stand at present, they are in a very unsatisfactory state. Our expenses are simply enormous. Something ought to be done, and I think the Council should appoint some person who would take cognizance of these affairs without throwing anything personally upon any member of the Committee that has to do it. I would not question any man's statement. If he says that it is correct, I would pay it and that is the end of it."

Dr. MacCallum: "I can understand Dr. Temple's position, but I think this Council ought to do something. It was for the purpose of drawing attention here to it that I spoke."

Dr. Temple: "It is a matter simply of duty; I can't help myself. It is in black and white that a gentleman presenting his account to the Treasurer, that he has to pay it."