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This body has come in for a good deal of discussion. For a time the adverse criticism was from the lay press, and along the line that the medical council had not done its duty in disciplining certain members of the medical profession on whose name rested a suspicion of infamous conduct from a professional standpoint. Against these attacks we defended the council, as it was quite clear the council could not act until an accusation was laid either in the courts or by members of the profession.

But the line of attack has shifted. It became apparent some time ago that the management of the finances of the College of Physicians and Surgeons was very bad, and that the assets of the college were fast disappearing. A member of the council, Dr. J. A. Temple, stated last year that the balance has decreased by about \$10,000 in three years; and that, at this rate, the college would soon be bankrupt.

This made it imperative for us to call the management of the medical council to task. In our January issue we dealt with the finances, the attitude of the council towards Dominion registration, and the fact that five bodies were represented on the council which had no right to such representation. In the same issue we defended the council against a wrongful attack made upon it by the public press.

In our issue of February we again had something to say upon the position of the council. We therein took strong exception to the representatives of certain colleges holding seats on the council and creating the risk that the entire proceedings of the council might be rendered void. We further pointed out that the five members of five dead colleges cost the council about \$1,200 a year. We pointed out also that six members of the council, of those elected by the profession, had received in per diem and mileage nearly \$3,000 last year.

In our issue for March we discussed the council's method of collecting the annual fee of \$2.

In our April number we took up the proposed amendments and gave them our support, as they were calculated to expedite the business of the council and, thereby, lessen the cost.