

honestly embraced by the medical profession of this Province, and, if the so-called theories of the other bodies are honestly held by them, they cannot be compromised by either for any mere expediency, without dishonour; and

*Whereas*, The incorporation of the medical profession with the Homeopathic and Eclectic bodies in "The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario," without distinction of any kind whatever, is viewed by the profession as highly objectionable and calculated to compromise their status as recognised members of the great body of scientific practitioners of medicine throughout the world, and

*Whereas*, The establishment of a Central Board of Medical Examiners for the Province, has in the abstract, received the approbation of many leading members of the profession, the exempting clause in favor of the systems of Homeopathy and Eclecticism is condemned, as calculated to render nugatory the operations of the Board in favor of an advanced curriculum, and to greatly lower the standard of education, inasmuch as section twenty-five of the Act provides, "That every candidate who shall, at the time of his examination, signify his wish to be registered as a Homeopathic or Eclectic Practitioner, shall not be required to pass an examination in either Materia Medica or Therapeutics, or in Surgery or Midwifery, except the operative practical parts thereof, before any examiners, other than those approved of by the representatives in the Council of the body to which he shall signify his wish to belong," thus maintaining in full force, (with exclusive privileges not possessed by the Medical profession), and giving greatly extended influence to the Homeopathic and Eclectic Boards, claimed by the promoters of the Bill to have been extinguished, and

*Whereas*, In addition to all the foregoing objectionable features of the Bill, its operation will in all probability, cut off the recognition of our Medical diplomas by the Mother Country, and thus, deprive our young men of privileges they have not been slow to avail themselves of in the past—to their own credit and ours, and which they would no doubt earnestly desire to have still continued open to them; he therefore

*Resolved*—That a committee consisting of ——— be appointed to draft memorials to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, and the Legislative Assembly, in accordance with this resolution and respectfully requesting the repeal of so much of the Medical Acts, as unites the Homeopathic and Eclectic bodies with the Medical Profession of this Province.

Dr. Agnew said that he would like to have this motion come up for debate to-morrow. As it was somewhat lengthy and contained recitals of some importance, he had had sufficient copies of it printed, and would be happy to distribute them for perusal among the members. He was desirous that the discussion on it should be ample, free and full.

A brief discussion as to the practicability of the motion in case it was carried, and partially as to the best time for taking it up ensued.

Dr. Berryman thought that the debate upon it would have to be postponed until after the thorough organization of the Council, which ought to be the first thing in order.

Dr. Agnew thought that the motion ought to be discussed before the Council had committed itself in the way of organization or otherwise.

The President and others thought that the effect of the resolution, in case it was carried, would not be practicable.

Dr. Brouse thought as the business before the Council was urgent, an evening meeting that night should be held for the discussion of the motion made by Dr. Agnew.

Several members thought that was the better arrangement.

A member thought as Dr. Agnew's motion was im-

portant, and as the Dr. had taken the trouble to have it printed for better perusal, the debate thereon, which would no doubt be a protracted one, ought to be postponed until to-morrow.

Dr. Agnew did not wish to have the debate brought on to-night. He thought that a matter involving so much importance should not be rushed through so hastily. He would not care how soon it came on to-morrow.

Dr. McGill thought that the discussion should, if possible, commence to-night, and when it did come up he would have something to say concerning it. (Laughter) He thought it very strange that after the labor which Dr. Agnew had apparently spent on his resolution—of which he had given notice of motion—he should be afraid to have the debate come on to-night.

Dr. Agnew, in reply, said he was prepared at any moment to go on with the debate, which it was evident the putting off the motion would produce. As it would most likely be a protracted, and, he thought ought to be a conservative one, and as he had had copies of the resolution printed for the perusal and calm deliberation of the members during the adjournment of the Council, he thought it would be inadvisable to commence the discussion that evening. He did not think that he fairly merited Dr. McGill's sneer that he was afraid to go on with the debate that evening. Of course, we all could not be like the famous framer of the Bill, viz., a Simon Pure legislator.

After some further discussion the moving of the resolution was fixed for half-past two o'clock to-day.

The Council then adjourned until the evening at half-past seven.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The President took the chair at 8 o'clock.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the afternoon meeting read and adopted.

Dr. Agnew proposed a slight alteration in his resolution to appoint a committee. The committee would have to meet before the discussion came on.

Dr. Dewar wished to know why his learned friend was so anxious to have the discussion postponed till to-morrow.

The President explained that there was some preliminary business to be attended to, and it would be better to postpone the discussion till to-morrow.

After some further debate the alteration was made.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Dr. Pyne, chairman of the committee selected to appoint the Standing Committees, presented the following report:—

##### REPORT.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE.**—Drs. J. J. Hall, Field, Hamilton, Oldright, Bethune and Day.

**REGISTRATION COMMITTEE.**—Drs. Connell, Springer, Hyde, Grant, Mostyn, Coverton and Agnew.

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE.**—Drs. Berryman, Hopkins, Aikins, Lavelle, Campbell, McGill and Dewar.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE.**—Drs. Adams, Carson, C. B. Hall and Edwards.

**PRINTING COMMITTEE.**—Drs. R. J. Clarke, Allan and Aikens.

Dr. Payne, moved, seconded by Dr. Campbell, that the report be adopted.

Dr. Agnew believed this report was too important to be adopted without due consideration. He, therefore, moved, seconded by Dr. Grant, that the Council resolve itself into committee of the whole on the report. Lost.

The report was then adopted.

Dr. Grant asked to have his name struck from the Registration Committee.

The Chairman said he had no power to do so. The doctor might refuse to act and have his refusal recorded on the minutes of the Council.