

because there is no possible foundation for any one charge that is made there, not the slightest. I was on that Legislative Committee myself. I have been asked to state some of the items that made up that account, but I am not in a position to do that: Dr. Pyne has given those items to the Council, and they have been audited, and anybody that wants to see them can see them, I presume. I think merely a denunciatory resolution would be all that is necessary: I have not the slightest fear of any one in the section which I represent, and I do not claim that they are any more intelligent than in any other place. The thing, as Dr. Bergin says, carries its refutation on its own face: it is too absurd to be believed by any man whose opinion is worth asking or having at all, and I think a mere denunciatory resolution is all that is necessary. When you talk, fight and fire, and blood and thunder, it is all nonsense: we do not want anything of the kind. I think we would be demeaning ourselves to go into anything of the kind.

DR. MILLER—I must say that I heartily agree with the resolution which has been proposed by Dr. Bray, but I must at the same time say I do not agree with many of the sentiments which have been expressed during this debate, because we have been quietly and silently submitting for a length of time to a series of abusive articles, which in the main were entirely without foundation, but which obtained and had force as against this Council in the minds of many of the profession, as well as the people generally, simply because of our silence. The question has been frequently asked me, why, if you have a good defence, have you not published it. why have you not given your side of the question—it may be you are all right enough, but why do you not speak? I have been asked respecting certain matters, and after hearing the defence which I had to offer, it has been said, we have no doubt about the correctness of that, but why not give that to the public, why not give your side of the case? And I am quite satisfied. Mr. President, that we would have been in a very much better position before the Legislature had these slanders and untruthful articles been answered from time to time. I am very glad to hear the members of the Legislative Committee, one after another, rise and denounce as untruthful these statements with reference to their transactions. If they are incorrect,

as undoubtedly they are, because we have the testimony of the Chairman of the Legislative Committee, who certainly ought to have known of the proceedings of his committee; and we have the testimony of the Chairman of the Finance Committee, who certainly should know as to the truth or otherwise of the item of that account: and we have the statement of the other members of this committee; and they will now go forth to the profession and the public, and I think that while we have been very derelict in the past in our duty to ourselves in allowing these statements to go uncontradicted, we dare not submit any longer in silence after the publication of that article in which were contained the very serious charge that we had obtained this legislation, of which some of the members of the profession complain, by disreputable means; that we had reached the intellects of the members of Parliament through their stomachs. But bad as that is, the other charge, that a portion of the six hundred odd dollars, which were expended by that committee, the remainder of that money not spent upon champagne, was misappropriated by the members of the committee, and that they then wrangled over the plunder, I think no resolution could be framed in terms too strong to meet a case of this description. After making the charges which this gentleman does, he probably has become a little afraid of his work: he thinks he has gone a little too far; he then begins to hedge, as you will see by reading the article, and he says, perhaps rumour has distorted some of these facts. But he was not so careful of the truth, not so careful of his own integrity before he made the most censurable part of the charges. Then he asks and expects that the members of the Council will purge themselves of this charge as speedily as possible, and in open Council. Now, that has been done, and I think that the next thing in order is that after that has been so thoroughly done that the person who wrote that article in the paper—of course we may entertain each his own opinion as to the authorship of the article, but it appears in the editorial columns of the paper, and as such the paper endorses it, that the paper which has endorsed that article now after we have complied with their suggestion, that the members of the Legislative Committee and the Council should purge themselves of this charge,