

in the future consider this matter, but with the present feeling of the profession that we are an extravagant body, we should go slow. Then, too, there is nothing definite in this proposition; before anything could be passed I think we should have a positive declaration from this company, explaining what they will do, and what they will not do. I think Dr. Geikie's suggestion about the printed questions is a very important one, for students; and we ought to know positively from them what they propose doing, and we should have a written agreement before we can vote any sum of money for it.

The chairman, Dr. Fenwick—I myself, think \$600 is a very small amount; and I think these questions for examinations should not be printed in a public printing establishment, because the students might get hold of them.

Dr. Henry—I support the remarks and motion of Dr. Moore, to give \$600 to the journal. Owing to the intense feeling that exists between the Council and the profession in the country, I think it would be very well spent money; the profession will only be getting a portion of their money back when they get their journal; and I do not see that any medical man or number of medical men would object to it.

Dr. Campbell's amendment was put by the chairman and declared carried.

Dr. Phillip—Referring to the clause *re* the position of prosecutor for the Council said, Mr. Webb, during the last year, at any rate, received from the College a salary of \$600, and also the fines and convictions. These fines amounted last year, to about \$1,200, but the expenses were very nearly equal to the convictions and fines, and Mr. Webb made a request towards the latter part of May, for an increase of salary, saying that if we did not increase his salary we should have to look somewhere else for someone to fill the position, or something to that effect. We feel that as the years go by these prosecutions are gradually ceasing; they are becoming far less frequent than they were in the past; and we think they are likely to be still less in the future; so that it struck the members of the committee, that if they could find some good man who would do the work with a lesser salary, and who probably might employ some portion of his time, not occupied in prosecution, at some other work, that this additional expense might be saved to the Council and the work might be done as well as it has been done, during the last year at any rate. If we could find such a man in Toronto, who would be under the call of the members of the Medical Council, outside of Toronto or anywhere, it might be found necessary to call him, it would be serving a very good purpose. We propose not to give him as large a salary as Mr. Webb had; I do not know that I could name any salary just now; it was mentioned

among some members of the Council, that we might get a man for \$400.

Dr. Bergin—I think that would be a very wholesome change.

Dr. Henry—My experience is, it is frequently very difficult to get the prosecutor to look after the cases at a distance; I have felt, not only now, but in the past, that the country the prosecutor had to cover was too great; and we ought to have four men to cover it. If you get a man in the city and give him \$400, it would be impossible for him to live on that, and attend to the duties required over the territory. I think if we are going to change the mode of prosecuting delinquents through the Province it would be better to go back to the old state of affairs and let every territory have two or three first-class constables to look after them. I must confess here, that the late prosecutor has done good work; he has chased all the delinquents out of my territory; but I think the work is really too much for one man to do in the first place; and to my mind it is preposterous to think you can get a man to do it for \$400 a year.

Dr. Bray—In reply to what Dr. Henry has said about having two or three men in each county, I wish to say that we tried that. I don't know that we had two or three, but we had men; and it was perfectly useless. And, further, if you have four prosecutors I don't know where you are going to get the money to pay them.

Dr. Henry—They pay themselves.

Dr. Bray—If you get four good men to take it for what they get, I am perfectly willing they should have it, but I would want them to give some guarantee that they would do the work efficiently. There is not enough work to pay the men. The late prosecutor complains that he did not get enough, and as the Registrar informs us, the receipts from fines are \$1,200; and if the total receipts from fines for a man who is giving his whole attention to it, is only \$1,200, how can you expect to have three or four men and give them no more than that? I quite agree with the recommendation of the Finance Committee; and I think there will be no difficulty at all in getting a man who will attend to that duty just as well, perhaps, as it has been attended to, and for a great deal less money.

Dr. Williams—There is a slight mistake, I think, in stating the amount received by the prosecutor for this last year from fines. Part of that \$1,200 to which you refer, was back payments from previous years; really the receipts from this last year were something about \$900, or \$950; and, according to Mr. Webb's statement, it required all that amount to pay travelling expenses and other expenses which he had to pay; and all that he had left was the salary that the Council granted him direct, say \$600. The proposition, as I understood