

interviews with several of the students who have taken an active part in the matter and they have felt the imposition, if I may use the expression, —they call it imposition from their stand point,—very much.

I was placed in a very embarrassing position last year ; I was asked to be present at one of the public dinners, given by a medical school and when the dinner was about half over, I was informed by a gentleman present, that the Council was in hot water, and so deeply in hot water, that they dared not follow the usual custom of putting on the toast list the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Several times later in the evening, when the College of Physicians and Surgeons was referred to, there were replies made and gestures shown by the students that were not reassuring to myself and that almost upset my digestion ; later on in the evening I was given an opportunity of saying a word for the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and before we disbanded I thought the students and the College of Physicians and Surgeons were on very much better terms. I may say I suggested to them putting in some tangible form before us an expression of their views in the matter. I told them the chief reason why we had a September examination and not a spring examination was because we had been informed by some of the leading medical educationalists, that because of having a spring examination so soon after the closing of the senior session a large number of students left the lecture room five or six weeks before the time, for the purpose of cramming ; and the consequence was instead of having a six months session they had really a session which lasted not much more than four months. I have now before me the full text of the petition signed by some four hundred students in Toronto. In the last paragraph they said they were sorry the impression prevailed in the Council that that was the custom among the students and that they were willing in case the Council granted a spring examination, to give any reasonable guarantee that the Council might ask, that they had attended the requisite number of lectures. They further state "the only reason urged for the discontinuance of the September examination is that it is (reads from petition, etc., etc.,) from the supplementary examination, etc., that the fees of this supplementary examination be increased so as to cover the extra expenditure, but that in any event the examination be given us." In my resolution I have explicitly stated that all students who have failed to pass previous examinations and present themselves for examination in the fall of the year shall pay a fee of \$20 for the examination. In the rules and regulations as to examinations we find that rejected students heretofore have had to pay only \$10, and I have taken advantage of this

suggestion given by the students, that if we do not see our way clear to giving an examination in the fall without extra expense we may increase the fee ; I don't think that is an exorbitant increase, especially for a student who has to come back to be examined on the same subjects he may have fallen short on before.

Dr. Day—This is a double-barrelled resolution ; I approve of one part of it and not the other. Giving a supplementary examination is giving a thing I don't think is necessary myself ; if students want it and are willing to pay for it, it is all right, though I think if a student cannot pass in April, 1892, he ought to wait until April, 1893, and whether he suffers or not, the public won't have to suffer from having him practising medicine. The fall examination I think is not necessary, and I will not support that ; but changing the examination from September to April, I think is a good idea. I have had more trouble and more complaints about examination being put in the fall instead of the spring, than any other question that the Council decided upon last year. I may say it has been almost a universal thing with students to complain that they would have to wait all summer, after having completed their curriculum for studies, and not be able to go up in the fall ; I think it would be very wise to change that.

Dr. Geikie—Before it is put, I would like to say a few words. There is no valid reason in favor of the examination being held in the fall that I know of, but there are a great number why it should not be held in the fall,—why it should be held at the close of the spring session. The feeling among students over this is universal, and if you deny them their request, I am quite sure they will go to the Legislature, and not the students of one college only, but the students of all colleges that have to do with the Council. A man has finished his last session and perhaps may be very poor, what is he to do from spring until the autumn ? Again, he is better prepared in the spring than he will be in the autumn, and, change in any way you like, there are a hundred hardships chargeable to postponing the examination, and not a single disadvantage in connection with its being carried out as heretofore, in April. I would like just to say to the members of the Council, especially of the Education Committee, that the feeling is universal as regards the students. As regards the colleges, it does not matter a straw to them particularly ; but if there be a great many reasons against postponing the examination to the fall, and no reason against holding it in the spring—but a great many reasons in favor of doing so—I would submit that the desirability of having our ordinary examination in the spring is paramount. As to a supplementary examination, that is another matter.

Moved by Dr. Day, seconded by Dr. Bray, that