

card said a meeting was to be held for the purpose of hearing a report of a committee, he called upon the chairman of that committee to produce his report.

As the chairman was not present, Dr. Carveth explained that he, being a member of that committee, would say something about it. At this time Dr. Spence having arrived, and it being announced that he was chairman of the committee that had been appointed to draw up a constitution, he was asked to read his report.

The report having been read, a motion was put that it should be adopted. It was moved in amendment that the clauses should be read singly. Carried.

The first clause being put, Dr. Orr explained that this society could not assume the name of "Territorial Association," as the Act specified who was to be chairman of that society, and that, not having complied with it, that name could not be accepted. Dr. Carveth explained that this matter had been talked over in committee, and that it had not been understood that the present member for the Council should necessarily be the chairman. Eventually the reports and amendments were read.

A large amount of discussion took place as to the object of this society. Dr. A. H. Hamilton, who was also a member of the Committee, explained that the Society was not one at which papers should be read, or discussions on papers encouraged, but that it was for the purpose, firstly, of collecting debts for medical men; secondly, to discuss such subjects as could not be discussed before the Toronto Medical Society; and he mentioned particularly a question that he thought should be discussed, namely, whether or not tuberculosis should be reported to the Health Office.

Dr. Milner also proceeded to explain the work to be done by this association, claiming it to be purely a business one.

The next order on the card was the election of officers, which resulted in Dr. A. J. Johnson, the present member of the Council for the Division, being unanimously returned as President of this association, whether territorial or otherwise; Dr. A. A. McDonald, 1st Vice-President; Dr. Hamilton, 2nd Vice-President.

On the nomination of Dr. Carveth for the position of Secretary, it was explained by Dr. Macbell that he had done a large amount of work for the former committee, and that he had for some years carried on a black list, which contained the names of bad pay patients, but that latterly it had not been kept up, and that he thought the work Dr. Carveth had done in the past, entitled him to the place of secretary of this society in the future.

It was remarked by Dr. Johnson that the fact that Dr. Carveth had at one time carried on a black list, which had failed, was a sufficient reason that a new secretary might be advisable.

It was further explained by Dr. Carveth that the reason that his former association failed, was that some of the medical men or a medical man who had the right to see these lists had taken advantage of the knowledge thereby ascertained, and had represented two patients that he would attend himself, although their names were on the black list.

Dr. Johnson explained that he had been connected with other associations, whose object was the collection of bad debts for medical men, which had been established in Toronto for the last twenty years, and that they were all frauds of the worst kind, and had failed as soon as the profession had made any attempt to support them, and that he did not believe in the establishment of any such society, particularly as at present Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co. had instituted a department especially for medical men. It was his impression that only those medical men who wish to have the advantage of seeing a black list, which was to be kept by the Secretary of the Society, should be asked to pay a fee of \$1 a year to this association.

There being nothing before the chair, the Chairman called upon the President-elect to address the meeting.

Dr. Johnson therefore took the chair, and expressed thanks to the gentlemen present for the honour done him in electing him to that position. He felt that the Society had no other objects than those expressed by the members who sent out the card calling the meeting. There would not be much work to do the coming year.

The remaining officers elected were: Dr. Carveth, Sec.-Treas.; Drs. Orr, McPhedran, Spence, Executive Council.