

for this he charges \$30. Another bill paid this same member is \$29 50 for cab hire and messengers, and so on *ad nauseam*. Year after year this thing is done. The Council meet; the Finance Committee report; a great hubbub occurs, and yet the very men who are loudest in their denunciations of the practice, after boiling over, simmer down and vote that the money be paid, on the distinct understanding, of course, that this year shall be the *very last time*. Now, what happened this year? The account presented amounted to \$282 50, in addition to \$30 already paid. After warm discussion, it was voted that \$170 be paid in full of all demands, a sum very indignantly refused by the gentleman to whom it was voted, who claimed all, or nothing, yet, we venture to say, a sum exactly \$170 more than he had any right to expect. With an equal sessional allowance with other members, he presents in addition an account for \$10 25 for cab-hire during the late meeting of the Council. There is one point more upon which we must again join issue with the Council, and that is, the yearly recurring farce of special examinations. Every year is to be the last, but still the evil goes on. It is an injustice to those who, not looking for like favours, have at the expense of time and money complied with the rules and regulations of the Council, and it is an encouragement to others to evade the regular examinations, if they think that they will have the chance of a *pro forma* one, as we know the examination held this year practically was. There is one question upon which we were glad to see the majority of the Council prevail, and that is the refusal to pass resolutions granting registration of British qualifications, until a reciprocity was assured them. The decision to secure either a building or a site for a building, in order to provide a suitable examination hall or council chamber, meets with our cordial approval. We shall be glad to see this matter successfully carried out, and have no doubt from the character of the committee appointed to attend to it that the work will be well done. A Registrar's office centrally situated is greatly needed. The present building in the Queen's Park is too far away to be available to any one but the

Registrar himself. In time, too, we hope to see a College Museum and Library established. In view of the additional expenditure that this project will entail, we trust that the annual assessment will be impartially levied, and that the astute Vice-President and the Executive Committee, backed up by Dr. Daniel Clark's resolution as to payments, will see during the ensuing year that no wasting of trust money is allowed, and we look to the influence of the medical press throughout Canada to stir up the profession to a sense of their duty, to send, as their representatives in the next Ontario Medical Council, conscientious, consistent, and capable men.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The American Medical Association met this year in Buffalo, on Tuesday, June 4th. The Committee of Arrangements had made preparation for a thousand delegates, not more than six hundred, however, availed themselves of the opportunity of attending. When the Society had been called to order, the proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rev. T. Van Bokkelen of Trinity Church. Dr. Rochester, of Buffalo, then addressed the Association, welcoming the members to the hospitality of the city.

The President, T. G. Richardson, M.D., of New Orleans then delivered his Annual Address.

The address, which was a long and able one, dwelt particularly on the two great questions of the day, Medical Education and State Hygiene. Under the former head, Dr. Richardson recommended greater strictness in examination of students and a more thorough and elaborate course of study than had hitherto been insisted on.

Harvard, Chicago Medical College and the University of Pennsylvania were especially complimented on the changes they had recently made in their Medical Curriculum.

The President also recommended the giving prizes in money to those practitioners who had sent in the best original thesis on some medical subject. The object of the prizes being to stimulate original investigation among members of the profession.