

drawal of the original motion, which was accordingly done, and the amendment carried.

Dr. Hamilton returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

Dr. Oldright stated that he had placed in his hands tickets for the admission of members of the Council to the Annual Convocation of the Toronto University on Thursday afternoon, the 8th instant, which he handed to the President for distribution.

Moved by Dr. Berryman, seconded by Dr. Mostyn, that the Standing Committees of the past year remain for the ensuing year as heretofore constituted, and that Dr. Brouse, ex-President, shall take the place of Dr. Covernton at present elected President.

—Carried.

The Council then adjourned till 7½ p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Council met at 7.45 p.m., the President, Dr. Covernton, in the chair.

The Secretary called the roll. Absent, Drs. Allen and R. H. Clark.

The President then delivered the following inaugural address:—

GENTLEMEN,—Permit me again to thank you for the distinction conferred upon me by this afternoon's election, and when I look around me and see an assemblage of representatives from the universities and schools of medicine in Ontario, as also of members of electoral divisions, equalling in area many German principalities, gentlemen distinguished for their talents, and for the confidence reposed in them by their constituents, there is surely sufficient reason for gratification on my part.

The profession in England have, for the last 30 years, been striving to accomplish the desideratum of a General Council and Central Board of Examiners, the members of which should be selected principally from practitioners unconnected with the universities and schools of medicine. The first some years back they attained, but for the accomplishment of the latter, they are yet struggling, whilst in this distant colony of the Empire, the universities and schools, that had long enjoyed the right of granting license to practise, have, with a disinterested zeal for the general benefit of the profession, surrendered this privilege, retaining only the power of educating and conferring degrees, honorable academic distinctions but nothing more; thus taking the initiative in a triumph over personal interest, power and emolument, for the sole end and