

Dr. BRAY—I quite agree with Dr. Sangster, there is lots of work to do; and I think if we go through the order of business there is a lot of work that can be presented to the proper committees, and the committees can work all night if they like. There will not be much work for the Council to-night; it is in committee that the work is done. There has been very little work done to-day in the Council.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The Registrar then read a number of communications, which were referred, by the President, to the various committees.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN AT A PREVIOUS MEETING.

Dr. BRAY—I could not give notice of the motion I now desire to make, but it is not an important motion at all from a business point of view. I would like to move a vote of thanks to our retiring President, Dr. Philip. It has been customary to do so in the past, and although that gentleman is not here, I think it would be gratifying to him, and satisfactory to the old members of the Council, at any rate. I move, seconded by Dr. Rogers, that the thanks of the old members of this Council be tendered to the immediate past-President, Dr. Philip, for the able manner in which he presided, for his uniformly fair and impartial rulings, and for his general conduct while he occupied the important position of President of the late Council: and that the Registrar be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to Dr. Philip, so that he will see, that although absent, he is not forgotten by his old associates who are now members of the present Council.

The President put the motion.

Dr. ROGERS—In seconding the motion, I want to say that I am quite certain that all the members of the former Council, who have had the pleasure for many years of sitting here with Dr. Philip, while they have no doubt that the electorate in his division exercised their judgment in the way they thought best, cannot help but feel sorry that an old friend like Dr. Philip is not with us. He has endeared himself to everyone of the members of the former house by his genial and kind conduct towards us all, while a member of this Council, and especially during the time he was President of this Council: he made friends even of those who hardly knew him. I certainly feel that we have lost an excellent member of this Council, and one to whom we have every reason to feel indebted, not only as a private member of the Council, but for the able and zealous manner in which he conducted the affairs of this body while in the presidential chair. And after his defeat at the recent election. I feel, therefore, it is doubly due by us, as members of the old or former Council, to move and tender a vote of thanks to our ex-President, Dr. Philip; and it gives me a very great pleasure to have the privilege of seconding this motion.

Dr. FOWLER—I would suggest that the word "old" be left out; it looks as if this was only a partial vote of thanks, and I am sure there is no gentleman here present, however they may differ from Dr. Philip in some respects, but would join in testifying to the noble character that he bears.

Dr. BRAY—I am perfectly willing to leave out the word "old."

Dr. MOORE—Before this motion is put, I desire to say that it gives me very great pleasure to bear testimony to the very great services rendered to the Council and the profession by Dr. Philip. Dr. Philip was one of the hardest workers we have ever had in the Council, one of the most painstaking men ever in the Council, and one who had the respect of every member of the Council, and he justly merited that respect; he discharged his duties with ability and zeal; he was conscientious and sincere, a man above reproach, and a man that we are sorry to lose, and a man who is a great loss to this Council. I think it is our duty even in this very poor manner to show that we have respected him and his course in this Council, for his able conduct and his wise administration during his term of office.

Dr. SANGSTER—May I suggest, that while I think very likely all these remarks are really due to Dr. Philip in his capacity, that every member of this Council who votes for that motion practically gives an expression of opinion; and may I suggest that the furore of the Council cease here. I do not think it is desirable that we should have another taffy-pull like we had last session over a similar matter.

Dr. BRAY—Before that motion is carried I wish to say that I had an object in view when I put in the words "old members"; and I think it showed that I appreciated the new members of the Council at their true worth; I fancied they would take exception to the motion. Then another thing may be said, how could they pass a vote of thanks to Dr. Philip for his able conduct while conducting the affairs of this Council at a time when they were not present? I do not think the new members should be asked to vote on this matter at all; and I would rather leave "old members" in: I do not think it is right to ask those gentlemen to pass a vote of thanks to Dr. Philip when they do not know anything about his conduct at all.

Dr. SANGSTER—If you will permit me to say so, if you intend this vote to come from the old members of the Council, the old members should meet in their separate capacity and not as a Council, and pass what resolutions they like. I have no objection to the motion, but I have an objection to the somewhat wholesale sugar business that was manifested in this Council a year ago.

Dr. BARTON—The compliment, although it is made up of sugar, and sugar is one of the cheapest things we have now in ordinary use, is very much appreciated. It is a cheap thing. It is easy to pay a compliment, but it is appreciated notwithstanding, and appreciated very highly. I have known Dr. Philip for a good many years, and I do not know a gentleman in the profession whom I esteem more highly; and I do not think it would come at all ungracious from this Council were we to sink any particular feeling of prejudice we have in the matter, or were we to set aside the fact that we were, to some extent, ignorant of the actual details of Dr. Philip's conduct while he sat in the Presidential chair, and allow that vote of thanks to be passed. Dr. Philip, I have no doubt, will very much appreciate it, and I do not know that it is necessary to denominate this as a taffy-pull or a sugaring off. There were some complimentary remarks made