

writing, so that they will be bound by contract to the Council to carry out what they promise to do.

Dr. Bergin—I beg to ask whether these gentlemen, or this company, propose to guarantee in any way that they will carry out the arrangement if it be made with the Council? Do they expect any portion of this money to be paid before the expiration of the year? Am I to understand from what you have read just now, it is to be paid at the discretion of the Council, means that as an evidence of good faith this \$600 that they accept shall not be paid until the expiry of the year?

Dr. Bray moves that this portion of the report be laid over till that information can be got, till to-morrow morning.

Dr. Campbell—I don't think there is any necessity to refer it over, I will submit a resolution, which, perhaps, will meet Dr. Moore's ideas; it is to amend that clause by adding thereto "That in the event of the Ontario Medical Journal Publishing Company printing a stenographic report of the Council proceedings, the College Announcement and all the College advertisements, and supplying a copy of the Journal free to every registered practitioner, the Council will give the company a bonus of \$600; the money to be paid in monthly instalments after the publication of each issue of the journal."

Of course it should be left with no executive committee to make a formal arrangement with the company, provided they accepted this offer, based on these terms.

Dr. Williams—I do not see any harm in passing this resolution to-night; It is a question whether they will accept it. If you say by that report, what you would be willing to do, then we would be in a position to have a conference with this company, and see whether or not they would be willing to accept what you propose; if they agree to that acceptance, then would be time to enter into details, and have some writing prepared to make the matter absolutely secure.

Passing a vote or resolution, or amendment to that report to-night will simply be an expression of opinion of the Council as to what they would be willing to do, and which could be afterwards completed, providing the company were willing to accept your offer.

Dr. Geikie—Might I suggest all other college printing, meaning the questions and the like.

Dr. Bergin—Their proposition says "Grant to be made yearly in the discretion of the Council."

Dr. Williams—I should suppose that it meant to be continued one, two, or three years

Dr. Campbell—I think if you did a thing of that kind it would be only fair to pay them the money monthly, after each issue of the journal; then if they break down our money would stop.

Dr. Rogers—I quite agree with what the chair-

man of the Finance Committee says that in view of all charges that have been levelled at this Council on the question of extravagance, we had better be a little slow in incurring new liabilities and expending money. I quite agree with all Dr. Campbell has said, if they could get an arrangement of that kind, it would be very good; but at the present moment I think we should keep from the appearance of being extravagant; and to endow a journal of this kind would be taken by our opponents as more evidence of the extravagance of the Council. I think it is putting another weapon in their hands for this year.

Dr. Johnston—One of the chief arguments brought by Dr. Meacham, and some of his followers at the Local House this last spring, was that there was no journal which was the mouthpiece of the Medical Council. It was upon that point that they distinguished the yearly license of the profession from the yearly license of hucksters; it was on that that they distinguished it from the yearly license that the lawyers receive. As they said, the lawyers receive with their yearly license, and for which they pay some \$17, a journal; and that if this Medical Council had the journal for which they might reasonably be asked to pay a yearly fee, they would not object to pay that fee of \$2; but that there was no journal, and that they were paying for nothing. I am sorry to say I know very little about this journal; I have no interest either financial or otherwise, in it; but I think if some arrangement of this kind could be carried out, this journal would be a medium through which the profession could all ventilate their views; and I think it would lead to the better understanding of the average country practitioner, of what the Council has been doing, and what efforts they are making from time to time to meet the wishes of the profession. I think that a great deal of this misunderstanding which has been spoken of before is the result simply, if not totally, of the fact that in the outlying districts of Ontario, the profession do not know what we do, or how we do it. It is with that object also, I hoped this year the stenographic report of this meeting would give them a better idea. I think if something of that kind was done, and now we have the means of doing it, there would be a general unity in the profession.

Dr. Bergin—They could not say this was a star chamber then.

Dr. Thorburn—We should be very careful before taking a venture of this kind. If we do this the present journals would become inimical to us.

Dr. Johnston—They are now.

Dr. Thornburn—They do not give us that attention that they might; and there is something to be said in favor of it in that the British Medical Association have their medical journal; it is the authorized journal of the association. We might