

Whereupon Dr. Marsden moved, seconded by Dr. Smallwood, "That the report be received, and printed in both languages for the use of members."

Dr. Smallwood read a report on the advantages of establishing a Medical Benevolent Fund, in connexion with the College, for the benefit of indigent and superannuated members of the College, and their families.

Dr. Sewell then moved, seconded by Dr. Jackson, "That the report on the Medical Benevolent Fund be received, and laid over until the new Governors be elected."

Reports were also read from special committees on "the female practice of midwifery," and on "a Royal Charter for the College,"—the former of which was adopted, and the latter permitted to lie upon the table for further consideration.

Dr. Marsden rendered an account of the mission with which he was charged by the Board of Governors in May last, to the Executive Government, on the subject of the petitions to the legislature of Moyse Metivier and Charles Fortier, in the following report:—

"That in compliance with instructions from the College at the last May meeting, he placed himself in communication with the executive government on the subject of the Bills before Parliament to license Moyse Metivier and Charles Fortier.

That he was referred to the Committee on Private Bills in the Provincial Legislature, then sitting, before whom he appeared twice, and having explained the state of the laws of the College in reference to the position of the petitioners, the Committee resolved to reject the petition of Charles Fortier, but to pass a bill to enable Moyse Metivier to present himself for examination before the College; but that this case was not to form a precedent, a majority of the Committee being of opinion that such interferences with the powers of the College were improper, and calculated to lower the character and standard of the medical profession."

The thanks of the College were voted to Dr. Marsden for the zealous and efficient discharge of the duties confided to him.

Dr. Marsden, on behalf of the Committee appointed to prepare a biographical sketch of the late Joseph Morrin, Esq., respectfully reports: "That your Committee has not been unmindful of the duties confided to them, but from unavoidable circumstances have not been able to complete their labours, and ask leave to report progress, and make their final report at the next meeting of the College to be held in Quebec.

Dr. Landry, one of the Secretaries, laid before the meeting a letter from Messrs. O'Halloran and Baker, advocates, retained by Dr. Brigham on behalf of the College, to prosecute Mr. A. B. Bradley for practising medicine contrary to the law which governs the practice of physic, and asking £9 3s. 4d. for costs and disbursements in an action lost by the College.

After some explanations by Dr. Brigham, it was proposed by Dr. Marsden, seconded by Dr. Smallwood, and resolved: "That the amount of the account of Messrs. O'Halloran and Baker, now presented, be paid from the funds of the College."