

of the opinion that the Medical Council would do the right and proper thing by making arrangements for a general election, to be held at such a time as to enable the new council to meet in accordance with the statute in June next, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the Medical Council. Carried.

Dr. Mullin had heard that Dr. Griffin was a candidate, and that Dr. Shaw was also in the field. He would ask Dr. Heggie if there was a marked feeling in Peel and Halton that a candidate should be chosen from either of these counties?

Dr. Heggie said it was understood at last election that the honour of representing the division should be given next time to either Halton or Peel.

Dr. Metherell asked that as the present meeting was a large one, candidates state their views as to past conduct of Council, and on questions which may come before next council.

Dr. Heggie in response stated that not having taken up the case of either the Council or the Defence Association, he would occupy an independent position. He has no fault to find with present representation of the division.

Dr. O'Reilly presented four questions as follows:—1st. Club practice. 2nd. Dominion registration. 3rd. University representation. 4th. As to raising standard of education.

Dr. Heggie in reply said that he was not in favour of club practice, had steadily refused it, and could not see that the Council had anything to do with it, because he looked upon it as a question to be settled each man for himself. He was in favour of Dominion registration as soon as curricula of different provinces could be assimilated. Believed that only universities doing medical teaching should be represented—thought that other bodies should not be represented—in the Council. He was in favour of keeping up a high standard of education. Many students were deficient in English. He favoured a better preliminary education. The matriculation standard should be maintained. He believed that the professional examinations were now more practical than formerly and were severe enough. Would rather not do personal canvassing.

Dr. Griffin said that he had been requested by some medical friends to be a candidate. He had

consented and a nomination paper had been presented to a few on his behalf. He like Dr. Heggie was opposed to personal canvassing, believing it beneath the dignity of a medical man to button-hole others for their votes. When I heard that Dr. Shaw was a candidate, and had already canvassed, I decided not to be a candidate, if to be successful I must make a personal canvass. I need not discuss the questions now before the meeting because I have decided to withdraw my candidature.

Dr. Shaw was much pleased with the remarks of the two gentlemen who had preceded him. It was not his desire to be a candidate because his hands were already full.

With reference to the questions proposed, I may say that I disapprove of physicians doing club practice. Dominion registration is a difficult question to deal with. A committee composed of representatives from several councils and licensing bodies have met and considered the question, and yet nothing definite has been accomplished, because the curricula differ. I believe it would be beneficial, but I fear that a length of time will elapse before it is an accomplished fact.

I hold that all representatives should be elected—time has passed when they should be appointed. Members of Medical Council should all be elected, and should be fewer in number than now. I would respect rights of universities. The curriculum is now higher than formerly; it should be framed, not in the interests of the profession, but of the people. Preliminary education should be required, and the standard of the final examinations should be maintained.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

OTTAWA CLINICAL SOCIETY.

The meeting of this society was held in the City Hall, on Friday evening, March 2nd, the President, Dr. Bell, in the chair.

Dr. Robinson read the following case report. (See Original Communications, page 275.)

The discussion which followed was both interesting and lively, and elicited much valuable information.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: