

known in this country and unknown on this continent; a method which might and does seem harsh, at least to people outside of the profession; and we, therefore, I say, acted with becoming wisdom in proceeding mildly and treating those parties with leniency, but the time has come to call a halt, for if we continue that course of procedure, our investigations and the effect of it will become farcical. Men will say, if I am charged with unprofessional conduct I will fight the Council as long as I can, and if I am found guilty I will get down on my knees and confess and it will be all right; thus making the whole matter a farce.

The expenses are very heavy in these matters, running up to several hundred dollars in connection with each case, and it is too much, when the Council shows its mercy by suspending sentence on a convicted person, that it should also be out the expense connected with the investigation. Since I introduced this notice of motion, I have been given to understand the Discipline Committee have been considering this matter, and that there is a possibility of some by-law being introduced by some person in the Council bearing on the subject. If that is the case, and the Chairman will inform me so, I am willing, if the Committee think it advisable, to withdraw my notice in the meantime, if there is anything that will meet the purpose, as I do not wish to interfere with the Discipline Committee.

DR. DAY—I would just say we have had an opinion from the solicitor touching one or two matters not exactly in that direction, but I would ask that the discussion should be delayed until we have some information. If we go to the courts, I want to show that our action and the action of the Council was entirely unbiased by any outside influence. It might be construed by a sharp lawyer before the judges, that we had said, "If you do not pay the costs we will suspend you right now; if you do pay the costs we will let you stay on approbation," and that that would be giving a man an advantage for simply a monetary payment. I think it would be better to get our solicitor's opinion before any such resolution is passed; but I think, however, the discussion will do good, and so far as I am concerned, and I think the other members of the Discipline Committee have given delinquents to understand the same thing—I have distinctly—that they need not come before the Council with any sort of plea, or anything else, unless the costs are fully paid up. I have done that personally, but, of course, that was not in an authoritative way so that the Council could be made responsible for it, but I have given them to understand distinctly that, while costs have been incurred and are standing unpaid, the delinquents need not expect the Council would be anything more than simply just; that they would deal justly, not leniently, unless the costs are paid.

DR. BRAY—I would add to what Dr. Day has said, my expressed wish that Dr. Campbell would let this matter stand for a time, as all these matters are under the consideration of our solicitor, and a false step would be a great mistake, and it is better to adhere to the advice of our solicitor. I do not wish Dr. Campbell to withdraw his motion, but to let it stand.

DR. CAMPBELL—With the consent of the Council I will ask that further consideration be postponed.

DR. BRAY—I beg leave to introduce a by-law to

provide for the election of territorial members to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (reads by-law), and I move the first reading.

The by-law was then read the first time.

On motion of Dr. Bray, the Council went into Committee of the Whole on this by-law.

Dr. Bergin in the chair.

The preamble of the by-law was read and adopted, and on motion, as some of the territorial representatives stated that they were not prepared to make suggestions as to filling the blanks with the names of the returning officers in their divisions, the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The committee rose, the President in the chair.

Dr. Bray moved, seconded by Dr. Harris, that the report of the Committee of the Whole be received, and leave granted to them to sit again. Carried.

DR. LOGAN—I beg leave to introduce a by-law to provide for the election of homeopathic members, and I move that this by-law be referred to the Committee of the Whole.

On motion, the Council resolved into a Committee of the Whole on this by-law. Dr. Bray in the chair.

The preamble of the by-law was read and adopted, and on motion the committee rose, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again.

The Committee rose, the President in the chair.

Dr. Bray moved, seconded by Dr. Logan, that the report of the Committee of the Whole be received, and leave granted to sit again. Carried.

Dr. Aikins, the treasurer, then presented his report. Dr. Campbell moved, seconded by Dr. Harris, that the report be received and referred to the Finance Committee. Carried.

On motion, the Council adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock, p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Wednesday, June 13th, 1894.

In accordance with the motion to adjourn, the Council met at 2 o'clock.

The President, Dr. Philip, in the chair, called the Council to order. The roll was called by the Registrar, and the following members were present:

Drs. Bergin, Bray, Britton, Campbell, Day, Fowler, Fulton, Geikie, Sir James Grant, Harris, Henderson, Henry, Johnson, Logan, Luton, Miller, Moore, Moorhouse, Orr, Philip, Rogers, Rosebrugh, Rutten, Thorburn, Vernon and Williams.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the President.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

1. Dr. Harris gives notice that he will introduce a by-law to appoint a Committee on Discipline.

2. Dr. Britton, that he will introduce a resolution providing for the holding of an examination in September.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, ETC.

Communications were read from E. G. Hodgson and others, and referred to the Registration Committee.

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

None.