

Walker, Franklin, McKay, Phelan, Lutz, Taggart, Seagar, Marquis, Chadwick, Hagerman and Duncombe. Telegrams were received from Drs. McInnis, Stewart, and others regretting their inability to attend. Dr. A. Bowlby was appointed Chairman, and Dr. R. C. Walker Secretary.

Dr. Bowlby briefly explained the object for which the meeting was called, and desired that the meeting discuss, firstly the secession from the Profession sought to be obtained of the local Legislature by the Homœopathic sect,—and secondly a consideration of the Medical Bill, to be amended as suggested by the Executive Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

Moved by Dr. Hayes and seconded by Dr. Joy and carried unanimously,—

“That whatever may have been or may be our views regarding the principle involved in combining the various elements of particular dogmas into the General Profession as at present effected by the Ontario Medical Act for educational purposes, we are united in the belief that that Act has been practically beneficial in checking the presumption of pretenders and in elevating the general standard of Medical Education, and that its repeal would be detrimental to the welfare of the general public.

Moved by Dr. Bogue, seconded by Dr. Hagerman, and carried unanimously,—

“That inasmuch as the Homœopathic element now enjoy, and under the late Medical Act will continue to enjoy, equal rights and privileges with the members of the General Profession, and of the Eclectic body, the Act of independent Incorporation sought by it, while it shows a confession of its weakness in fair and honest competition, is nevertheless uncalled for and unnecessary, and the separate powers which it asks of our Legislature would be injurious alike to the public good, and to the uniform system of general professional education, aimed to be accomplished by our Canadian Universities.

Moved by Dr. Lutz, seconded by Dr. Franklin, and carried,—

“That the Secretary be instructed to communicate with our Representatives of the two Ridings of Norfolk in the Ontario Legislature and solicit them to confer with the Executive Committee of the Medical Council of Ontario, praying their aid

in urging the views embodied in the foregoing resolutions upon the members of the Legislature and of the Government, and to take such other steps as they in their wisdom may deem requisite to carry them into effect.

The amendments to the Ontario Medical Act and the communication from the Executive Committee of the council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons were then taken up.

The Chairman called upon Dr. N. O. Walker, the first Classical Examiner of preliminary subjects for students, to state the progress made by the Medical Council, and whether it would not be prudent to lessen the number of members and thereby lessen expenses. Dr. Walker briefly stated the connection he had with the Medical Council during the first few years of its existence. He thought the representation not too large, and commended the economy exercised by the Council in appointing an Executive Committee, and in reducing the number of examiners; he alluded to the many good results already effected. He regarded that a Profession so important and influential as the Medical Profession should have an examiner of its own, as the Law Society had—he thought it a retrograde step when the Council appointed two separate examiners at Kingston and Toronto. Uniformity in the preliminary examinations was thus destroyed. He thought the Profession ought to assist in sustaining the Medical Council in the absence of Government aid; the students ought not to bear the whole burden at the threshold of a laborious and responsible profession.

After a long discussion it was moved by Dr. Taggart, seconded by Dr. Sparrow, and carried,—

“That from our experience, we the Medical practitioners of the County of Norfolk deeply feel that our Provincial Government has not in the past done its duty towards the health and *lives even* of our fellow citizens inasmuch as it has not protected them from being imposed upon by charlatans and from being tampered with by unskilled and incompetent pretenders:—That we, as members of the Community having families, and knowing the evils of unqualified and ignorant quackery, consider it the bounden duty of the State (as in all civilized European countries) to take care of the lives and health of the sick and unfortunate, and by *penal enactments* restrain all except skilled