

tion being thus set at naught, or to the Executive Committee being made a cypher, and to the officials assuming an autocratic position. I will not discuss this unauthorised Report further.

Miss H. Keenealy seconded the amendment.

The Chairman: In every Association the Report has to be prepared by somebody. It is for this Corporation to adopt this Report if they see fit to do so. Some Report must be presented, and Dr. Fenwick moves an amendment that this one be not accepted. I must say that I think it is an undignified course to adopt to discuss the salary of a sick officer at a great public meeting of this kind. Dr. Fenwick seems to ignore the functions of the Committee in matters of detail, and takes things like this before a big meeting.

The resolution and the amendment were then put to the meeting, and the original resolution that the Report be adopted was declared by the Chairman to be adopted.

The Chairman then announced that he had received the report of the scrutineers, and said: Theirs has been a laborious duty; 713 of the lists have been sent in unaltered, 175 lists have been altered, with names erased, and therefore the original list, as proposed by the Council, is adopted by a very large majority.

The Medical Secretary: I have also to report that there are three vacancies, which will have to be filled up by election at this meeting. It often happens that something intervenes between the preparation of the list and the annual meeting, and vacancies occur. There is now a vacancy amongst the medical men, amongst the Matrons, and also the Nurses, and it is for the present meeting to fill up these vacancies. I shall propose that the vacancy on the list of medical men be filled by the election of Dr. Stowe Armstrong, who is a member of the Association, and I understand, willing to serve on the Council. I propose to fill the vacancy in the list of matrons by the election of Miss Louisa Hogg, Superintendent of the Naval Nursing Department, and whom I understand will join our Council; and on the list of Nurses I propose Mrs. Gertrude Bullar. I have great pleasure in proposing that these names be accepted by the Association.

The Chairman: Will anyone second this resolution that these names be adopted?

Dr. Fenwick: I have to call attention to the fact that once more the Association is asked by its officials to break its solemn pledges. In 1892 certain medical men were asked to take seats on the General Council, and, in consequence of that invitation, became members of the Association. Mr. Fardon has proposed that these gentlemen should be removed, and they have been removed, although under the Bye-Laws there is no power vested in the Council to remove them. The fact of the matter is that, as the Council now stands, there are very few general practitioners left, and I hold that their removal from the General Council is a very great loss to the Association, and is certainly very unfair to the great majority of the medical profession, who have now little representation on the governing body of this Corporation. I beg to propose as an amendment, that Dr. George Brown be elected to fill the vacancy of medical men on the Council. He was originally asked to join the Council, and joined the Association on that official request.

Mr. George Brown: May I speak to this amendment? I did not imagine that I should be referred to, but I wish to say that, having been requested originally

to take a seat on the Council, and being a Vice-President of the Incorporated Practitioners' Association—

The Chairman (interrupting): I think it is necessary for me to make a statement at this point. I cannot allow Dr. Brown to make election speeches here.

Dr. Fenwick: I indignantly protest against such an uncalled-for remark. (Loud applause.)

The Chairman: I am the Vice-Chairman of the Association, and I sit here as the representative of the Executive Committee. In this position I shall do my best to maintain order as one would have to do at a meeting of a railway company. (Oh, oh.) I feel it is my duty to decline to admit any speech from Dr. George Brown.

Dr. Biernacki: I rise to a point of order. You say, sir, that you intend to wield your power as a member of the Executive Committee. You cannot in such a position make *ex parte* statements. If you do, I shall have to move a vote of non-confidence in the Chairman. (Loud applause.) I say, Sir, that you must keep to official conduct as Chairman and nothing more than that.

Considerable confusion lasted for some minutes, but finally

Mr. George Brown continued: I did not expect to have my name put before this meeting in any way. I am, however, quite willing to bow to this meeting as to whether I remain a member of the Council of this Association or not. I was elected on it, I believe, because I was, as I am still, a Vice-President of the Incorporated Practitioners' Association. Mr. Langton has just expressed his thanks to the medical profession for the assistance they have given to this body. Personally, I do not care for any position on this Association. My work elsewhere keeps me too busily occupied. At the same time, I should regard it as a compliment to be asked to remain on the Council of this Association. But I must add that to remove from your Council the representatives of a body which afforded your Association a great deal of assistance while it was in its infancy will strike most medical men as being an exceedingly ungraceful act.

Mr. Brudenell Carter: Might I ask Dr. Fenwick by what right he confers the degree of Doctor upon the gentleman whom he has nominated?

Dr. Fenwick: I will not reply to that remark. We all know the ability of Mr. Brudenell Carter to make offensive personal remarks.

The Medical Hon. Secretary: It is untrue to say that a single medical man has been removed from the Council. Names come off, in the ordinary way, every year, and it is quite open for any voter to erase any name of a candidate who may be proposed for election on the Council. No voter has any more power than another. It is open for any and every member alike to erase any names.

The resolution for the original list was declared to be adopted.

The Chairman: Now we come to a resolution which has been placed upon the Agenda paper in the name of Miss Margaret Breay.

The Medical Secretary: Before that resolution is put to the meeting I rise to a point of order. There is a Bye-law with regard to any resolution which may be sent in to us to be put before any Annual Meeting. The Bye-law states that no resolution shall be put before an annual meeting unless the full text of such

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