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Dear Doctor:-

With this Bulletin your attention is directed to the Financial Statements of the Special Organization Committee, which the Medical Society at its last Annual Meeting definitely instructed to continue the work of Provincial Organization. This you will see gives the collections made upon the solicitation of Mr. Cameron. This year all collections of Fees are being passed to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Society and are not being handled by the Organization Committee. It is hoped that before the Funds collected for administration by the Organization Committee are exhausted, there will be a very substantial amount to the Credit of the Society, which will enable it to carry on efficiently in the future.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE;  
MEDICAL SOCIETY OF NOVA SCOTIA.

Collections

164 Drafts for \$25.00 each.....	\$4100.00
3 Drafts for \$15.00 each.....	45.00
3 Drafts for \$10.00 each.....	30.00
1 Draft for \$ 5.00.....	<u>5.00</u>
	\$4180.00

Disbursements

D.A.Cameron (Salary Expenses).....	\$1668.72
Bank Exchange.....	23.95
War Tax on Drafts and Postage.....	3.90
Ross Print Company, Halifax.....	<u>102.00</u>
	\$1798.57
Balance on hand this date.....	\$2381.43

September 26th, 1921.

Account added and found correct at Meeting  
of Medical Society of Nova Scotia, Truro, N.S.

M.T.McLean, M.D.  
S.J.Turel, M.D.  
Auditors.

Jan.22nd, 1922, Cash paid Dr. S.L.Walker, Associate-Secretary Medical Society of Nova Scotia...	\$100.00
Feb 1st. Balance on hand.....	\$2281.43

Sgd. M.G.Burris, Sect. Com.

The principal reason for the issue of this Bulletin  
No. 3 is to bring to your notice the Amended Medical  
Act relating to the "Practice of Medicine and Surgery"

The full report of the Legislative Committee is herewith submitted.

The principal work of the Committee during the year was directed to securing the passage of Legislation entitled "An Act to Amend Chapter 105 Revised Statutes 1900 the Medical Act," a copy of which is herewith attached.

Your committee is pleased to report its success in getting this important piece of Legislation through to the Statute Books of the Province, the Act to become effective January 1st, 1922. The strength and effectiveness of your Committee was much enhanced by the active support of members of the Halifax Medical Society, the Principal Health Officer, the Chairman of the Provincial Medical Board, and by the letters and telegrams which poured in to the Government from active, wide-awake members of our Profession throughout the Province. The Profession in Cape Breton sent a special representative to Halifax to urge its cause. There was unmistakeable evidence of serious thought and active work

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and active work on the part of the whole profession which was used with telling effect by your Committee when we came before the Legislative Committee of the House in support of the Bill. Your Committee is certain that without these evidences of cooperation and unanimity of the Doctors as a whole, the passage of the Bill, in the face of the strong resistance of the irregulars and their friends, could not have been accomplished.

Before the Committee on Bills and Amendments of the Legislative and private members, <sup>who</sup> were approached, your Committee pressed the following points:-

(1) That the Regular Medical Profession, by its high Standard of Education, by its History and Traditions, as well as by its intimate Relationship with the Governments and Philanthropic Organizations, in all times and places, is the real Custodian of the Public Health.

(2) That this principle has always been recognized by the Government of Nova Scotia, inasmuch as all

its Health Legislation is the Statutory Embodiment of Suggestions and Advice from the Regular Profession; and its Health Officers, appointed to give effect to such Legislation, have always been selected from the Ranks of the Regulars.

(3) That our Profession desires to be the Confidants and Cooperators of the Government of the Province for no selfish purpose, but to be an Effective Factor in promoting the End for which Regular Medicine exists, namely, the conserving and betterment of the Peoples' Health.

(4) That men and women with little or no training in the difficult Science of recognizing and treating Diseases of the Human Organism, and who take upon themselves the responsibility of human lives, are a real menace to the Public Health, and should be made amenable to the Laws of our Province, until they raise themselves to a proper Standard of Education.

In conclusion your Committee wishes to emphasize strongly, that in the matter of seeking Legislation,

there should not appear the slightest evidence that we desire by excluding others, to obtain any material gain. The Watchword should be Service and Better Service; and by this Sign alone need we hope to get results from a Right Thinking Legislature.

Signed:- George H.Murphy, M.D., Chairman.  
J.G.MacDougall, M.D.  
H.K.MacDonald, M.D.  
M.G.Burris, M.D.  
J.R.Corston, M.D.  
M.A.MacAulay, M.D.

A number of matters of great interest to the Profession have recently come to the front and probably by the time you read this the Executive of the Society will have met and have taken the necessary action. Some of these matters may be briefly mentioned.

- (1) The Uniform Fee for Life Assurance Exams.
- (2) What steps should be taken to protect the Public against those not qualified under the Amended Act to practice Medicine - dealing in the first place with the Chiropractors.

(3) The urgent need for better Pathological Laboratory facilities for the Eastern and Western Portions of the Province, and the endorsement of the establishment of a Tuberculosis Hospital in Cape Breton.

(4) To outline action to be taken to secure the cooperation of the Profession in obtaining Federal Action, providing for the Standardization of certain drugs.

(5) To secure such Legislation as will ensure payment for Medical Services rendered in case of Illegitimate Births, where no responsible party can be found, and also to facilitate collections in emergency poor cases.

(6) To secure such Legislation as will give proper Fees for evidence at Coroner's Inquests, and for performing Post Mortems.

(7) To receive and Interim Report of the Organization Committee, and to instruct the Associate Secretary as to future work.

While the primary dominating reason for the Organization of the Profession in this, or any other Province, must be altruistic in its inception and purposes, and have for its justification the welfare of the Community, a consideration of the above matters will show that some are primarily and all very greatly concerned with the Public Health.

The Medical Profession of Nova Scotia will never forget the noble and self-sacrificing work of many of our predecessors, and we will continue to work for the highest ideals in our efforts to relieve suffering, prolong life, and to better all conditions of living.

Since Bulletin No. 2 was issued the following Societies have named their representatives on the Executive:-

Yarmouth, Cape Breton, Pictou, Lunenburg-Queens.

All members of the profession who have not completed their membership in the Canadian Medical Association and in the Medical Society of Nova Scotia will be given a further



opportunity to do so at an early date.

Please note that Membership in the Provincial Society is dependent on Membership in a Local Society, except where no such Society exists, and only such can take part in the Annual Meeting. Are you making your plans to attend this Meeting ?

Yours truly,

S.L.Walker,

Associate-Secretary,  
Medical Society of Nova Scotia.

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