

WAR AMONG THE FACULTY.

The Kansas City Medical College Violently Shaken.

Progressive and Conservative Elements Clash—An Attempt to Remove Mem- bers of the Faculty Will Probably Be Carried Into Court.

There is internecine war in the faculty of the Kansas City Medical college, and so far has the matter gone that a recourse to litigation is imminent. At meeting of the faculty held Thursday night, the strained relations were brought to such tension that several of the faculty took counsel yesterday with their individual attorneys as to what form the law might be invoked, should matters reach a climax within the next few days.

The trouble dates back several years and is the same that last year brought about the changes in the faculty, when Drs. Halley, Fryer and Block, three of the oldest members, withdrew under fire. Dr. Halley had been a member of the faculty twenty years, and his withdrawal created no little surprise. Dr. Fryer had been teaching thirteen years and Dr. Block seven or eight years, and all were looked upon as able men in their respective branches.

After the faculty had been reorganized the institution management was incorporated as a stock company with Dr. Joseph Sharp, president; Dr. J. W. Perkins, secretary, and Dr. D. R. Porter, treasurer. Dr. E. W. Schauffler remained dean of the faculty and practically manager of the college.

In the new faculty all of the lecturers were stockholders and the work of the year was completed as laid out, but all through the year it was evident that the old trouble existed and with growing force.

The differences of policy developed in connection with almost every proposition brought before the faculty as to its policy in conducting the departments and the college in general. The majority of the faculty who claimed to be the progressive element did not control a majority of the stock and so could only resolve to take certain steps that they considered expedient for the interests of the school, while the cabal, as they called it, or ultra-conservative element, would defeat them "in the upper house," or when it came to a question of finance to carry out their plans. One of the projects was to build a new building and enlarge the institution; another was to purchase more complete apparatus. But the majority were, in each case, beaten when the majority of stock vote was called for.

This sort of cross-firing, the progressive element claim, has prevented the college from having between 200 and 300 students next year instead of 100, which they claim is the limit of its capacity now.

Last Thursday night the majority of stock was brought to bear by the "conservatives" to remove from the faculty by a vote of shares four of the leaders of the progressive side. The proposition brought about a hot debate.

At the head of the progressive element stood Drs. Beattie, Perkins, Van Eman, Tyree and Lowman. The vote was taken on Drs. Beattie and Perkins, and was proceeding with Drs. Van Eman, Tyree and Lowman when the question was raised that they were stockholders and under the articles of incorporation could not be thus disposed of.

The matter was, after much discussion, put over until legal advice could be had. But the action attempted so stirred up the "progressives" that there is a movement on foot among them to bring action in the courts within the next few days to have a receiver appointed to take charge of the affairs of the college on the grounds of mismanagement of its business to the extent that the institution is in danger of being wrecked.