

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

June 1st, 1899, to October 31st, 1900

*To the Medical Faculty :*

GENTLEMEN,—The Library Committee begs to report upon the work done in the Medical Library during the year ending October 31st. As ought to be expected, the statistics indicate an increase of usefulness in all directions for the past year over the preceding one. The tables appended show the operation of the Library, its accessions, circulation, etc.

It is a satisfaction to report that the attendance has so increased that it has necessitated greater accommodation for readers.

Owing to the great generosity of Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the Medical Faculty have been able, besides making improvements in the Medical College, to enlarge their library. A fire-proof stack room is being built with a capacity for 40,000 volumes. The present Faculty room, stack room and students' reading room will be hereafter used as reading-rooms, thus making a charming suite of rooms. If it had not been for this timely assistance of Lord Strathcona the work of the library would have greatly suffered owing to its present crowded condition. Beneath the new stack room will be a fine storage room, where the work of packing for shipping, etc., can be carried on.

The Committee feel that they are deeply indebted to Lord Strathcona for coming so generously to the aid of their Faculty, and thus they are enabled to carry out improvements and enlargements that were very necessary.

Three years ago, in connection with this and other medical libraries, a Medical Librarian's Association was started. This Association now numbers all the leading medical libraries on this continent and is adding to its numbers those of other countries.