

thoughtful consideration of the cases as they arise, and provision for independent advice from local correspondents in the different provinces and districts may, therefore be considered desirable at this time to strengthen the Board, or to provide for its reorganization in some manner which will be adequate to secure these results in the future.

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OTTAWA, August 24th., 1903.

GENTLEMEN:—In presenting you with the affairs of the Association this second year of its life I have in the first place to express my deep regret that I have not been more successful in influencing men to join.

I issued two appeals the first year each costing us as I told you about \$100 before the entire profession was reached and the net result was 221 members but even so we were able to report a successful initial year and we were the means of being of substantial use to more than one of our members. It is not necessary to reiterate what I then reported nor the strong memorandum which I read from our solicitor Mr. Chrysler.

I was encouraged to go on by the hearty words spoken by some of our friends at the Montreal meeting and when the year was up I again issued my appeal for new members and I earnestly requested the then members to try and influence others, in their circuits to join, because I feel it is manifest that more can be done in this way than by all that I can say on paper.

THE CANADA LANCET wrote a strong article also and we had reprints made of this and circulated throughout the Dominion. The net result of this work, to say nothing of my correspondence, is that I am here to report to you the total membership for 1903 is 252 an increase of 31 and this with a total of about 5,500 practitioners.

We have fought out cases again this year and we have been successful and thus far I am encouraged, but when I tell you that one of these cases this year cost us \$360 to handle you will understand that we may at any moment get into a serious position and be stranded for the want of funds and then we of the Executive will be obliged to reply possibly to an urgent appeal from a member wrongly threatened with an action that he must fight for himself and that his brethren throughout the Dominion, any one of whom may get into trouble any day himself, don't care to bother themselves about assisting him.