

of the fact that the average income of the medical practitioner is not large. I am well acquainted with the conditions which obtain in the country, and am safe in saying that the average physician's income in the country is not more than \$1,500 a year. With truth it can be said that the average income of the city practitioner is not greater. It is practically impossible under such circumstances for the less fortunate to provide himself with everything new which is published. He does well if he is able to provide himself with the necessary books, much less the journals, a comparatively full, but still incomplete, list of which would cost not less than \$100 a year. It is impossible for those with the largest incomes, even to provide themselves with all the literature.

We hope that all misunderstanding will be cleared up and that the profession both in the city and throughout the Province will join hands with members of the Association in endeavoring to place as much medical literature as possible within the reach of all.

I might add that this library, through the kindness of Dr. J. F. W. Ross, the President, in depositing \$100 in the Surgeons-General Library at Washington, is able to secure any works in that library for any member of this Association. This is well-known as the largest medical library in the world.

Every member of the profession in the Province can help us to secure a grant from the Government by explaining the necessity for such to his local representative in the Legislature.

I am, yours sincerely,

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