

less possible for the critical to say, "could kale het again." Should this have implied the withdrawal of several from the old Toronto School staff it ought to have been possible to have given such compensation as would have done an injustice to no person. From all we can learn, Trinity School is determined that no part of her old-time energy, which, personified in her Dean, has made that gentleman at least distinguished, shall be lacking in order to maintain the credit which with reason has in recent years rightfully been hers. Surely, as regards the "Women's Medical," their well-known gracious acquiescence *when asked* ought not to make it difficult for them to join hands with the gentlemen of the "New Combination," and henceforth joyously travel life's pathway as one.

MEDICAL LIBRARIES.

SAID some one the other day after Prof. Ramsay Wright's Address, "Surely the reason why Prof. Wright gave us such a dissertation from old medical books is that he had no new ones to consult." Certain it is, at any rate, that, with the disappearance of the old Faculty of Medicine, University College Library, in books *medical*, surceased. Perhaps it has been that that royal munificence, of old found so necessary to the establishment of libraries, has been wanting, or perchance the passion of the librarian as a collector has not tended toward Medicine. Evidently "the affection, or the veneration, which civilized men have ever felt for these perennial repositories of their minds" has not been such on the part of *Senatus Universitatis* as to cause it to purchase works on Medicine. Perhaps its financial resources have been mostly devoted to teaching the art of *healing breaches*, as promoting federation, or showing the Toronto School the beauties of the "new connection"; and yet the first national library "seemed to have been placed under the protection of the *divinities*" whose statues adorn it, and to have had engraven on its front, as Diodorus has it, "The medicine of the mind." But with so many recent evidences of progress in Medicine on the part of the Senate it is quite possible that a new surprise is in store for us, and that through its munificence a "coming race" of medical *lectors* will soon be addressing the occupants of burdened shelves.—

"Salvete aureoli mei libelli
Meae deliciae, mei lepores."

If not from affection, may our Senate attend to the matter for her own credit, else can she no longer exclaim, "*Palmas qui meruit ferat*"; for we understand on good authority that, after some doubt as to the propriety, for fear of contagion, the Ontario Medical Council has decided to set apart a room in the new "College" in which the medical *friends of learning* in the Province, after giving of their substance to the extent of \$10,000, may store the literary products of their purchase. Speaking seriously, we compliment the Council on its gracious act towards the Ontario Medical Library Association, if such be the exact title, and trust that its generosity, with the funds paid into the coffers by the profession, will return to it as "bread cast upon the waters," and that every facility will be afforded medical men, whether from without or within Toronto, to utilize the new library to the fullest possible extent. With somewhat more than 2,000 practitioners in Ontario, it does not seem difficult to have the idea of the library extended and make the College of the Council, what Toronto is in name and reality, "a place of meeting" where, as Piquet said of it, "The wine here is of the best."

As there seems to have been some doubt on the part of the members of the Library Board as to how flexible the rules for membership of the Association should be, we would say that it is sincerely to be hoped that, while by the establishment of a Provincial Library we are proclaiming the advance toward a higher ideal of liberality and nobility in the profession, no obstacle will be placed in the path of him whosoever he may be that is a "seeker after truth."

As the time for the first payment of stock is due, we trust we are not interfering with the work of the Committee when we say to our readers that stock is placed at \$5 a share, payable in five yearly instalments to Dr. J. E. Graham or Dr. G. Wishart, Toronto.

ELECTRO THERAPEUTICS.

IN devoting a certain amount of space to electro-therapeutics we wish our position in the matter to be thoroughly understood.

In the first place we do not believe that electricity is by any means the curative agent that some consider it. Secondly, we do not consider it so much better than any other remedial agent that we