

membership, and I would suggest that a Committee be appointed to consider the possibilities of membership, as there can be no doubt that this Society must be of great advantage to every member of our profession who attends these meetings. The individual members must gain both in a professional and social sense, and a better "esprit de corps" be established.

It has been stated that the annual fee is a burden and one of the causes of preventing these men from joining this Society. It might be well to consider the possibility of charging a nominal fee for the first two or three years of membership.

I am glad to report that we have been promised portraits of the late Sir William Hingston and the late Dr. George E. Fenwick, the only deceased past Presidents of this Society whose portraits are not now hanging on the wall.

I desire to express our thanks to those of our members who showed living cases and who presented pathological specimens. The presentation of living cases and pathological specimens adds much to the interest of our meetings, and those members who present the cases are put to some trouble and expense. From time to time it has been thought by some members that if our rooms and meetings could be associated in some way with some social attractions, it would add to the usefulness of this Society. Personally I believe the Society should continue to fulfil its purely scientific character; at the same time, I would favor any reasonable social attraction which would stimulate and maintain interest in the organization. From personal observation I am prepared to say that these expensive and handsomely furnished rooms offer little attraction during the day time to any member. It is quite true that the medical journals and other literature to be found on the tables are not used sufficiently to warrant their expense. The explanation of this is that at the college and at two of the larger hospitals small journal societies exist, and all current medical literature is kept on file in the reading rooms of these institutions, and these are much used by our members, not only those who have appointments in these institutions but by many members of the profession who from time to time have occasion to visit these places. It has always seemed to me that the rental paid for these rooms might be avoided if it were possible to provide the use of the rooms for other organizations. It has been suggested that in the course of time the University Club may develop a hall with subsidiary rooms and that these smaller rooms could be kept permanently for the use of a particular organisation, whilst the large hall could be used as a common meeting place of a number of Societies. Should such a development