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SECOND TRIENNIAL REPORT OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, L.C.

During the past month this report has been published and distributed to the members for their information. Nearly half of it is taken up in stating appointments to governorships, and the changes in them during the triennial period; but as these now possess no general interest, we pass them over. We learn from it that "a likeness in oil" of the late Dr. Arnoldi, first president of the college, was procured and entrusted to the keeping of Dr. F. C. T. Arnoldi, with the understanding that he should have it present at the meetings of the College. We also learn that the licentiates were less than during the first three years, but that the students were more numerous. This, with the number of candidates admitted, rejected, &c., a notice of the students' petition, and of the balance to the credit of the College in the Savings' Bank, as stated in the Chronicle for August, comprises the entire report. Appended to it is the report of a sub-committee appointed to audit the treasurer's statement. Upon examination they found both books and accounts correct, and subjoin a rather unbusiness-like account current of the sources of revenue to the College, and the channels of its expenditure. The Governors conclude their report by congratulating the members on the success of the College in every way.

Dating from 1848, its revenue has since been £1060 5s., or about £212 a-year. This is a large sum, and we naturally wish to be informed of the mode of its disbursement, and the benefit of which it has been productive. As the College now is, it has no local habitation, and is itself not tangible, but is said to exist when its Governors biennially, or so, visit one of three towns, Quebec, Montreal or Three Rivers, club together, exhibit themselves where they can, and having done the business, wander homeward—living illustrations of the policy of expediency—happy result of the power of compromise. We know not what good comes of this, and we have still to learn its advantages. It cannot be to favor the elect with an occasional reunion, for this would be too dear at the cost of £192 0s. 9d., and yet what supposition is more tenable?

Inconsistent though it be, the College owns furniture for which nearly £25 have been paid, and a little other property, as plates for diplomas and licenses, seal, &c., bought for £22 15s.; these have not been insured against casualty—a strange omission—for in what safety can they be