

library upon application for the same, without being a member of the Association, upon the payment of express charges or postage, and returning the books within two weeks.

It is far from the intention of the Association to make the library of use only to the members of the profession in the city, but it is the earnest desire that the profession throughout the province will avail themselves of the privileges we are enabled to concede to them. We are anxious to disabuse the minds of a great many of the prevailing idea that the Library Association is under control of, or is in any way connected with the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. As above stated, the Library Association is a distinct organization and incorporated by the Ontario Legislature. When a practitioner non-resident in the city desires a book, we would esteem it a favor if he would make application to the librarian of the Medical Library Association, addressing the same to Medical Council Building. Should we have the book in the library it will be forwarded at once, according to the above regulations.

We regret that some should think they are deprived of privileges which are extended to members of the profession in the city. The facts of the case will be understood when they know that the books are the property of the stockholders who have paid stock varying from a minimum of \$15 to a maximum of \$500 per member. In this way nearly \$15,000 worth of books and journals have been accumulated during the last thirteen years. It is now practically impossible to continue to add new books and journals to the library from the subscriptions of new members, most of those who are able and desirous of subscribing having already done so. With the object in view of keeping the library up to date, and providing the profession with the latest medical literature, we have thought wise to petition the Government of Ontario for an annual grant which will enable us to make the usefulness of the library more widespread than it has been in the past.

Again, in answer to the charge that we are building up a library for the use of the city practitioner to the exclusion of those in the country, I will simply draw attention to the following notice which is hung up in many conspicuous places in the library rooms:

"THIS LIBRARY IS FREE TO ALL"

"NON-RESIDENT PHYSICIANS."

"ALL CITY PRACTITIONERS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY THE"

"ANNUAL FEE."

I think the necessity for approaching the Government in this matter can easily be understood by all. We are all aware