

Remarks
ON
THE MEDICAL LIBRARY IN POST-
GRADUATE WORK.*

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WITH collectivism the order of the day it is very natural that those interested should associate themselves in an organization which has for its object the welfare of the Medical Library. As stated in the circular, the Provisional Committee has given the new society a wide basis. The objects are:

- (a) To bring together those engaged in or interested in medical libraries and medical literature, and for the discussion of matters associated with their fostering and care;
- (b) To maintain an exchange for the distribution of duplicate books and periodicals;
- (c) To increase the facilities for reference work;
- (d) To encourage the study of the history of medicine;
- (e) To issue publications dealing with medical library work;
- (f) To form a library union amongst those of the medical libraries between which the exchange of books can be arranged—

all unexceptionable objects, and with the additional merit of being within reach of accomplishment.

Let me say at the outset that this is not to be simply a society for those whose work is more or less officially concerned with libraries, but it is for all interested in the book as a living factor in the education of the members of a learned and consequently of a very bookish profession. Whether the British doctor has been a better book-lover or book-maker is an open question, but from the first Oxford movements in the thirteenth and in the early fifteenth centuries we find him ever in the ranks of the keenest bibliophiles. He has never been a great student of the book as such, and it is strange not to find in the long line of splendid bibliographers, from the lovable Conrad

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