

profession in the Dominion. We hope soon to see many of these suggestions acted upon. The profession in Ontario have already made the preliminary arrangements for the establishment of an institution which will be of incalculable benefit to the medical men of the Province, viz., a Medical Reference Library. The joint committee of the Toronto Medical Society and the Ontario Medical Association have already made such advances that we can confidently promise the formation at an early date of a library of some thousands of volumes, which we hope will be largely used by members of the profession. Arrangements will be made whereby books may be sent, on certain conditions, to any part of the Province. It is also contemplated to have the library constantly open, so that members of the profession visiting Toronto may find a home and a place where they can see the latest medical literature.

This is still a young country, and there are many institutions which must be established to place us on an equal footing with older and wealthier nationalities. The fact of our being young should not prevent us thus early laying the foundations of such as will be of the greatest benefit to future generations.

The past year has not been marked by any great discovery in our science. A steady progress has, however, been made in the various departments of medicine and surgery. The confirmation of previous discoveries and the advancement of the limits of our knowledge has been the work of our scientific men.

In abdominal surgery, great advances have been made.

In bacteriology, discoveries are recorded which promise to assist very much in explaining away the many difficulties which constantly beset us in the study of internal disease.

I now turn to a sad portion of the history of the past year—the loss which this Association has sustained by the death of some of its active members. Among these I would mention the name of our late fellow-member, Dr. John Fulton. He was one of our most regular attendants, and always took an active part in everything which pertained to the interest of the Association and of the profession at large. His comparatively early death, together with that of others who have recently been cut off