

in the scientific sisterhood of nations. This service of the Society is made possible only by the action of the governments who make annually a moderate grant to the Society for this purpose. The City of Toronto also contributes a small annual sum to the same purpose. The whole amount thus contributed from all sources for 1916-7 is only \$2,700. Those who have a grasp of the situation and understand its effect, who therefore are in a position to form a just opinion, believe that no public money brings more substantial returns both to the honour and to the international repute of our Dominion.

THE PETERBOROUGH CENTRE was organized February 26th, 1907. Rev. Dr. Marsh, F.R.A.S., delivered a lecture that evening in the Charlotte Street Methodist Church on "A Night With the Stars." After the lecture the Centre was organized with 47 members and the following officers:

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| <i>President:</i> | Rev. Dr. Marsh, F.R.A.S. |
| <i>1st Vice-President:</i> | Wm. Pringle. |
| <i>2nd Vice-President:</i> | Duncan Walker, B.A. |
| <i>Treasurer:</i> | D. E. Easson, B.A.Sc. |
| <i>Secretary:</i> | F. C. Neal, M.D. |
| <i>Council:</i> | S. W. Lowry, W. McFaul, M.D. |

The meetings of this Centre were held at first in the Y.M.C.A. rooms, but afterwards the Collegiate Institute was available and the meetings were held there. It is appropriate that the meetings of such a Society as ours should be held in an educational institution, and it is hoped that in no municipality of Canada would The Royal Astronomical Society find itself unwelcome in the best buildings which the educational resources of the place afford.

THE HAMILTON CENTRE was built upon a previous foundation. A society existed here which had been in existence for many years, known as The Hamilton Scientific Association. On December 15th, 1908, a meeting was held in the Museum with Mr. G. Parry Jenkins in the chair. Dr. Marsh explained the objects and scope of our Society and strongly urged the formation