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The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

Dr. J. M. JACK, the Treasurer, reported that there was a balance of \$218.44 on hand, the receipts having been \$1,228.53 and the expenditure \$1,010.09.

Dr. KENNETH CAMERON, Secretary, reported that at the beginning of the session there were 117 ordinary members, 15 new members were elected, 1 died and 1 resigned, making a present total of 130; of these 114 are resident and 16 non-resident.

The number of temporary members had been greatly increased by the election of the resident staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital, the total membership now being 16. No honorary or corresponding member was elected.

Twenty regular meetings were held with an average attendance of 33.25 members per meeting, or an increase of 2.25 members per meeting over last year. The largest attendance at any meeting was 48 and the smallest 13 members.

Dr. T. D. REED the Librarian, read the following report:

Considerable difference of opinion existed as to the desirability of placing the library and reading room in a different story of the building from the meeting room; the separation has now been accomplished for a year, in our present quarters, and each member can form his own opinion of the change.

The number of readers may be considered to have been about the same as previous years; exact statement on this point cannot be made, as members have access at will to the room by private key, and leave no record of attendance.

The Journals have been maintained as before, and the valuable series of London, Philadelphia, New York and Montreal publications have been kept up by binding.

There are now on the table 4 weekly and 30 monthly journals.

No additions to the library by purchase have been made, as the Council has not appropriated any money for the purpose. It is very desirable that the Society should arrange for an annual appropriation for the purchase of the new encyclopædias, dictionaries, practices and other works of reference, which everyone would like occasionally to consult.

We are indebted to Dr. Blackader for a valuable series of *Braithwaite's Retrospect*.

To Dr. Smith and others our thanks are due for numerous medical journals.

The new room, though small, has been found comfortable and sufficiently commodious for the present.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President—Dr. G. P. GIRDWOOD.

1st Vice-President—Dr. J. B. MCCONNELL.

2nd Vice-President—Dr. J. ALEX. HUTCHINSON.

Secretary—Dr. G. GORDON CAMPBELL.

Treasurer—Dr. J. M. JACK.

Librarian—Dr. F. A. L. LOCKHART.

Council—Drs. JAMES BELL, PERRIGO and SHEPHERD.

Dr. JAMES BELL, the retiring President, then read the

ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Montreal Med co-Chirurgical Society demand of the retiring President that "He shall present at the annual meeting a written address, which shall include a résumé of the work done during the year."

You have already heard from the report of the Secretary that we have now a larger membership, and that we have had during the year just ended a larger attendance, both average and minimum, than ever before. From the Treasurer we have learned that, notwithstanding our more commodious and more expensive quarters and the great expenses incurred in fitting them up for occupation, we have a surplus of over \$200 at the end of the year. This is undoubtedly due largely to the adoption by the Society of better business methods (as well as to the energy of the Treasurer), but it must also be taken to indicate a greater and more genuine interest in the Society by the profession at large. These facts speak for themselves, and constitute an effective answer to those who feared that in taking these rooms which we at present occupy we were launching out upon a scheme of extravagance which would ruin the Society.

Turning now to the professional work of the Society during the year, I find that it may be summed up as follows: There were 9 papers and 9 case reports read, 19 living cases exhibited, and upwards of 73 specimens presented. Besides these, 3 demonstrations were given, which are not included in any of the above headings.

What instantly strikes one in this very condensed résumé of the professional work is, that while on the whole there was no dearth of work, there were only 9 papers given in 20 meetings. Following up this analysis, we find that among 142 members and an average attendance of 33.25, 25 names only appear as contributors during the year. Moreover, the discussions have been confined to a small proportion of the members present at any meeting. This, I fear, is the weak point of the Society, and I trust that the members will pardon me for attention to it. With every department of medicine re-