

every Fellow should make it a part of his regular creed to attend our meetings. The surest way to assist one's self is to assist others. The Council is greatly encouraged by good attendances at the stated and section meetings. The Fellows are also benefited and their interest quickened.

In the next place, every Fellow should become a recruiting officer for the Academy, and do what he can to induce his medical friends to join our ranks. Every medical practitioner in good standing in this city should take his place with us.

Then, further, we should be on the alert for donations of books and money. Every one of us has some influence if he will only use it. We have a library of 7,496 accessioned volumes, about 1,500 volumes in preparation for accessioning, and about 1,200 duplicate volumes to exchange for others as opportunity arises; but one of 50,000 volumes would not be too large. In addition to our books, there are over two hundred and fifty current journals and transactions on file in the reading room. Many of our Fellows allow books to be lost that should find a place on our shelves. Fellows might also remember in their wills the Academy, and make a favorable direction with regard to their books; and, perhaps, also in the matter of some of their money. With nearly five hundred Fellows we should be able to induce some of our generous citizens to place the Academy on the list of their beneficiaries. If you do not cast out your hook and line you will catch no fish. Let us become disciples of Isaak Walton. There is fruit for the pulling and grain for the garnering. In Bailey's "Festus" we are told "We live not to ourselves, our work is life."

There is another topic on which I crave your indulgence for a few moments. The signs of the times point to some forthcoming medical legislation. It will be necessary for the Academy of Medicine to take its place on the watch-towers to guard the rights of the people. Several cults, claiming the privilege to treat the sick, have appeared before the commissioner appointed by the Ontario Government. The most important of these are the osteopaths, the chiropractors, the optometrists and the Christian scientists. These cults will no doubt seek some short cut to secure the legal right to treat and charge. The position which has always been held by the medical profession is that, if anyone wishes to be a dermatologist, an ophthalmologist, a neurologist, a pædiatrist, an obstetrician, or a surgeon of a special sort, he must first pursue a full medical course of studies, and obtain the license of the College of Physicians and Surgeons. It has always been true that this is the irreducible minimum of training and learning that must be enforced before anyone secures the right to practise any specialty or system of treatment.