

J. M. McCulloch, Robert King, H. C. Church, A. L. Lynch, D. W. McKechnie, J. M. English, G. H. Turner, R. H. M. Hardisty. All of these are upon the staff of the Royal Victoria Hospital.

The following are the names of those who were re-elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, Dr. H. S. Birkett; vice-president, Dr. John A. McDonald; treasurer, Dr. Alfred T. Bazin; secretary, Dr. A. Mackenzie Forbes; trustees, Dr. F. J. Shepherd; Dr. James Perrigo, and Dr. James M. Jack.

The President read his annual address, and afterwards entertained the members with refreshments and music. The following is the text of the address:—

Allow me on behalf of those of my confreres associated with me in office, to express to you our sincere appreciation and thanks for the honour conferred upon us in having elected us to direct the affairs of this Society during the past session.

It is the duty of the president to communicate to the Society a statement of the work done during the past session and I, therefore, beg to read a few extracts from the reports of the secretary and chairman of the various committees:—

From the secretary we learn that there were twelve regular meetings held, at which there was an average attendance of forty members. We must bear in mind that this average whilst falling a fraction below that of the previous session, is due to the fact that the immediate past session was only six months instead of nine, owing to the recent change of the by-laws. At these twelve meetings ten papers and thirty-four case reports were read; sixteen living cases were presented and three pathological demonstrations given.

The number of names at present on the register is as follows:—

Resident members, 165; non-resident members, 3; temporary members, 27; honorary members, 1; total, 196. Three new names have been added to the list of resident members since January of this year.

The large number of living cases presented, and case reports read, is particularly noticeable, and this work has, I think, been largely instrumental in making the meetings of more than ordinary interest.

Several alterations have been made in the by-laws during the past session, and amongst those to which your attention is directed are the following:—The date of election of the officers has been changed from December to June, the object being to allow the incoming staff more time to deliberate over the work of the coming session, rather than to take up the reins of office in the midst of heavy work, without having had the opportunity of learning what methods have preceded and what might in the future be improved. Whether this method will prove successful you will have the opportunity of judging for yourselves.