

the profession at large, but serve as a lasting memorial to the physicians who laboriously collect them at great expense.

Organization.—By the concerted action of several bodies representing the profession in Ontario—i.e., the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Ontario Medical Association, and the Toronto Medical Society—a committee was appointed in 1887, whose members have secured incorporation under the above title, in compliance with the statute regulating library associations. This provisional board has elected interim officers, and is engaged in the preparation of a constitution and by-laws, which will be submitted to the first annual meeting.

Financial Position.—Stock-books having been opened, a canvass of the local profession was made, and upwards of \$3,000 have so far been secured. The shares are placed at \$5 each. The nominal capital is \$10,000, all of which it is hoped will shortly be subscribed for.

Location.—The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons has shown its cordial and practical sympathy with the objects of the Association in placing at its disposal, at a nominal rent, a large and well-lighted room situated in its magnificent and commodious building, recently erected at the corner of Bay and Richmond Sts., Toronto. This room is on the first floor of the building, adjacent to the elevator, and hence easy of access at all times. It has been provided with shelving, also, and is steam-heated.

Annual Meeting.—The first annual meeting of shareholders will be held on Wednesday, the 13th of June, at five o'clock in the afternoon, in the library of the Normal School, during the session of the Ontario Medical Association, so as to give every member of the same an opportunity to be present.

Opening.—It is hoped that arrangements will be so far completed, that the Library and Reading Room may be opened by the 1st of July, with a full list of the best medical journals upon the tables and more than 1,000 volumes upon the shelves. These latter will include complete series of the leading journals for the past fifteen years.

Most Pressing Needs.—Donations of books, journals, reprints, pamphlets, etc., in fact of everything bearing upon or treating of medical science are required, and will be doubly valuable if sent

in at once. No publication, however small or seemingly unimportant, will come amiss, as they may be used in completing sets, or for the exchange list. Probably every physician in Ontario has some books or journals which he can easily spare to aid in making this library complete. The approaching meeting of the Provincial Medical Association will bring many to the city. It will greatly aid the committee if each physician bring with him whatever he can spare for the library. Donations of books should be directed to the Curator at 259 Simcoe St., Toronto, and he will be very glad to send to any part of the city for parcels of which he may be notified by post-card.

The provisional Board of Trustees is composed as follows:—President, Dr. Graham; Vice-Presidents, Drs. Arnot, Burns, and Henderson; Sec., Dr. Wishart; Curator, Dr. N. A. Powell; Treas., Dr. McPhedran; Librarian, Dr. Pyne; Members, Drs. J. W. Rosebrugh, Mullin, and Nevitt; to any of whom subscriptions or donations of books may be sent.

D. J. GIBB WISHART, Sec.

Toronto, May 24th, 1888.

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OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER.

PHILADELPHIA, 12th April, 1888.

AN AFTERNOON AT THE PHILADELPHIA ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL AND INFIRMARY FOR NERVOUS DISEASES.

This institution was organized in 1867 as an Orthopædic Hospital, and in 1872 an infirmary for nervous diseases was added with Dr. S. Weir Mitchell as attending physician. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays the physicians, Drs. S. Weir Mitchell, Wharton Sinclair, and William Osler hold clinics for nervous diseases, and on alternate days Drs. Thos. G. Martin, Wm. Hunt, and H. E. Goodman see the orthopædic cases. The care and system with which the notes have been recorded, particularly of nervous cases, is to be commended, and might be followed with advantage at other institutions. Thus there are separate case books for epilepsy, hemiplegia, chorea, infantile paralysis, neuralgia, etc. An illustration of the value of thus carefully recording observations, is shown by the fact that Dr. Osler, in his