

their subjects be more less extended, make themselves parts of our Society, contributing for each member the lowest admissible price for the journal which all should receive, and disposing of their remaining funds according to their own plans; holding their own meetings, and sending such contributions, as they judge proper, to the editing committee of the *Canadian Journal*. There would then be no assumption of superiority in the central and older body. All would pursue the common object according to their own views of what is most useful or agreeable, and yet we should all be one body, and the journal would be a centre of interest to us all, as a common property which we should all desire to enrich. Ottawa, Kingston, Hamilton and London, either have already, or might at once have, societies which would be better in connection with ours, and other places are nearly if not quite ready to do something. Meantime our principle is that members out of Toronto only pay for the journal, which we think deserves the patronage of all our intelligent citizens; yet they enjoy all other privileges of membership whenever they can avail themselves of them, so that it is discrediting both their understandings and their patriotism, to say that they have no interest in joining us.

Allow me, in conclusion, to say a word or two on our own wants, and on possible improvements in our plans, in the immediate sphere of our action, independently of what I must always regard as one of our most important objects, the Society's Journal. We can benefit and gratify our members through our library, our reading room, our museum and our meetings. For our efficient working in all these ways, we require a convenient and suitable building in a very accessible situation. This has long been an object of desire to us, and attempts have been made more than once, but the difficulties have been found too great—nevertheless if we wish to keep up our influence and fulfil our proper mission, we must I am persuaded determine to succeed, and by energy and spirit carry through the work.

Our library which contains much that is valuable—several articles of great and remarkable value—is not to be considered safe, lying as it does in an ordinary frame building. Our museum such as it is, cannot be displayed, and of course cannot be increased. Our meeting-room is small for our ordinary meetings, which have not recently been very numerously attended, and if we did as we ought to do, would be utterly useless. We now possess a good site, central and large enough for any reasonable purpose, but we want premises which will enable us to