

tinued skillful help given us by various groups of ladies at the Academy and elsewhere during the year.

Every Fellow of the Academy, every surgeon now on active service, and still more, every wounded soldier, will appreciate the tireless energies of these our helpers in the efforts being made to save life and to lessen suffering. During the year over 300 boxes of sterile dressings have been sent forward. In addition to this, we have, in conjunction with the Belgian Relief Fund Committee, secured surgical instruments of an approximate value exceedingly \$500.00, and these, like previous shipments, will be sent to the Central Committee in England.

The money expended by our Committee came from the Fellows of the Academy, and from the members of the profession here, with the welcome exception of two gifts, one of \$319.63 from the Muskoka Lakes Patriotic Association, and another of \$100.00 from Mr. Chester D. Massey. The receipts for the year were \$2,762.70, and the expenditures \$2,101.36. This leaves us a balance of \$661.34 now on hand. While this is sufficient for immediate needs, additional contributions will not be declined, and later they may even be solicited.

N. A. POWELL, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE RE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

Your Committee beg to report that shortly after appointment they had a very satisfactory interview with the Workmen's Compensation Board, discussing the questions that involved the position of the medical practitioner with the Board. The Board gave us much encouragement, and said that they would be glad to do anything in their power to assist us, but that they were an administrative and not a legislative body and could only carry out the laws as given to them. After considerable work and correspondence we were able to gather considerable information from the Workmen's Compensation Boards of various States of the Union, which we herewith append, and would suggest that the Fellows look over these reports very carefully and compare them with the working of our own Board.

Your Committee have further to report that towards the end of the Session they had a conjoint committee wait on the Attorney-General, consisting of representatives from the Ontario Medical Association and from the Ontario Medical Council. This interview was also satisfactory, and we were told that no doubt our grievances would be looked after but that it was too late to do anything in the matter at the present Session.

Your Committee would suggest to the new Committee appointed that they start their work earlier in the season, in order that legislation may be brought in along the lines we are working. They admit our contention is a just one, but the means of collecting the money towards our payment is the question which bothers the Legislature.