

## CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The forty-sixth annual meeting of this association was held at London from the 24th to the 27th of June. In many respects this proved to be one of the most successful that the association has yet held, not only from the point of attendance but from the high standard of the papers read and the discussions as well as the excellent way in which the social entertainments were looked after by the local committee.

A great deal of attention was given to the discussion of general public health and preventive medicine and especially the care of children.

The President, Dr. H. A. McCallum, in his address, pointed out the fact that there was too much indifference shown to the association by many of the eight thousand doctors of the Dominion, stating that the Association had done considerable toward removing narrow, provincial medical prejudices and in bringing about legislation that resulted in Dominion registration.

Dr. McCallum advocated, during the course of his remarks, the publishing of the Association Journal weekly. However, as he admitted, to accomplish this it would be necessary to obtain a membership of nearly half the registered doctors in Canada, or by means of an endowment fund, but this appears to us to be placing a numerical standard out of reach for the present at least.

He also stated in his remarks that the association was in need of funds to rescue the profession from being exploited by the commercial enterprise of certain drug houses.

Referring to medical education, Dr. McCallum stated that out of the criticisms by the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of teaching, great improvement has arisen almost everywhere.

At the present time he pointed out there was no indication of legislative interference with the freedom of the profession.

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### THE DOCTOR AND THE AUTOMOBILE.

Should the doctors who drive automobiles be granted special privileges? A good question but what about the answer.

At the present time nearly seventy-five per cent. of the medical men in the larger cities of Ontario use the motor car for making their professional calls. It not infrequently happens that a doctor receives a call where all unnecessary delay means increased peril to the patient.