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The Sixty-fifth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association was held in Montreal, August 31st, September 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Few, if any, realized the amount of work which the meeting meant. When we consider the work done by the officers of the various committees in arranging such an immense program of papers, and the amount of time and energy spent by the various contributors in the preparation of their (for the most part) elaborate papers, or the indefatigable labors of the president and the rest of his Montreal *confreres*, we get a faint idea of the general outline of the extent of this undertaking of holding a single meeting. And in view of all this tremendous work of self-sacrifice of time, and strength, and means, some may ask, has there been a *quid pro quo*. We assert undoubtedly, yes, and we believe this is the opinion of every one who had the good fortune to be present. Whether the meeting be judged

from the scientific work reported as having been done by many of its industrious members, or from a social standpoint, with all which the word stands for, there can be but one opinion—the gathering was a magnificent success.

It could not be otherwise than a matter of very great interest that numbers of the leading surgeons, physicians from Britain, United States and Canada should meet in convention, not only to discuss questions regarding their high calling, but to meet in intercourse of the most friendly and intimate sort. And it was with no small amount of pleasure, not to say curiosity, that the Canadian men of the rank and file went up to Montreal to see and meet the Nestors and the Ajaxes of the profession, men about whom they had often read and whose works they had studied, from Britain and the adjoining Republic. And how were they impressed? What did they see?