

TWO GREAT MEDICAL GATHERINGS IN BRITAIN.

In July during the week of 21st to 26th, the British Medical Association will hold its annual meeting in Brighton.

The International Medical Congress will meet in London in the week of August 6th to 12th.

These meetings will afford an unusually good opportunity of observing the progress of medicine in all its departments. There is every indication that many Canadians intend visiting Britain this year.

REPORT OF THE LONDON RADIUM INSTITUTE.

The official report of the work carried out at the Radium Institute, London, has just been issued. It covers the work done from August 14th, 1911, to December 31st, 1912. Great care has evidently been exercised in preparing it, for it is very full and complete and the deductions made as to the value of the treatment are eminently sane and impartial.

In all 657 cases have been observed. Of this number 38 were examined, but not treated; 41 had been recently treated and the results not yet noted; 39 received prophylactic treatment only, 53 are apparently cured; 28 are cured; 245 are improved; 70 are not improved; 88 abandoned the treatment, and 55 are dead. It is to be remembered that all kinds of cases were asked for and received for the purpose of study.

In tabulating the results according to the pathological condition present, it is to be noted that in general the findings are much the same as have been observed by other workers in this field, such as Louis Wickham, of Paris; Robert Abbé, of New York, and W. H. B. Aikins and F. C. Harrison, of Toronto. Epitheliomata of the skin and rodent ulcers are agreed by all these observers to be the most amenable of all forms of malignant disease, to the action of radium. Carcinoma of the uterus, when inoperable, under the action of radium, can be vastly improved. "The haemorrhage is arrested, the discharge is diminished in amount, and rendered inoffensive in character, the ulceration is healed and the pain is greatly relieved. The rate of growth is checked, sometimes completely arrested. Several interesting case reports are given bearing out this statement.

In dermatological conditions the Institute has found radium to have a wide sphere of influence, and its action on nevi, keloids, lichens, eczemas, lupus vulgaris, and lupus erythematosus is most beneficial.

Mention is made of prophylactic treatment by radium, that is,