

whilst the discussions were far in advance of what has taken place for many years. There seems to be no valid reason why sectional methods should not be done away with entirely and general sessions prevail throughout the entire meeting of the Association. On only one afternoon was there any division this year, and we sincerely hope that that will be the last occasion anything of the kind ever transpires in the Association again until the attendance reaches such proportions as to compel a division into medical and surgical sections. Ontario possesses a medical population of something approximating 2,500 practitioners; and the Association has on its rolls nearly 800 members, the annual attendance rarely if ever reaching 200; this year it numbered 160 odd. The importance of attending these annual meetings was emphasized by the President, Dr. Wright, in his presidential address; and the practitioners who stay away from these meetings surely do not realize the good things they are missing. Next year ought to be made a record-breaker in point of attendance. The probability that the Canadian Medical Association will be meeting in 1901 outside the Province, should tend to make next year's gathering more successful in point of attendance.

Another thing: that section of the meeting in which is transacted the general business of the Association appears to be held at the wrong time. Year after year all the general business of the meeting is held on the evening of the last day, when the out-of-town members have gone home, and only the city practitioners remain to transact the business of the Association. This should not be. This business should be done when all the members are present, and no time appears to be more opportune than the morning session of the second day. If the sectional method is done away with next year, and the Association would convene for three days instead of two as at present, we might expect to make some tangible progress in important matters of medical politics, which now drag along from year to year, no nearer completion than they were twelve months back.

Then the question of having the proceedings of the Association properly compiled and published is a very important one, which if it is ever to be brought about must take into consideration the abandonment of the division into sections, which would certainly contribute obviously to the facilities for having this work accomplished. This question came up for discussion at the last general session and was referred to the Committees on Publication and on Papers and Business to report upon at the beginning of the next meeting. At present the funds of the Association do not permit of this being done, but no doubt the Committee on Publication will be able to formulate some plan for its accomplishment in the future. For doing this we think there ought to be some method.