

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS—CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE Canadian Medical Association held its annual meeting in Montreal on August 30th last. We have received a reprint of the inaugural address delivered on that occasion by the President, Dr. V. H. Moore, of Brockville, which we deem worthy of more than a passing notice. Of Dr. Moore's ability as a physician and surgeon we do not intend, nor do we need, to speak. His labours as a member of the Ontario Medical Council, and in the Canadian Medical Association, are too well known to require comment. It is not of the man we wish to speak, but of what he as President said at the opening meeting in Montreal.

As was most fitting, he extended to the visitors from Great Britain and the United States a most cordial welcome, and expressed the hope that their visit to Canada would be a pleasant one, and that all would go back to their homes feeling that we in this country had much to be proud of—our country, its extent—its wealth—its natural and artificial means of inter-communication—its educational systems and institutions—its provisions for the care and cure of the sick and afflicted, mentally and physically—its legislation and machinery for the prevention of infectious and contagious diseases—and last, but by no means least, its medical profession and the high standard of education required for this which we hold to be the noblest of the learned professions. Throughout this portion of Dr. Moore's address there breathed that spirit of patriotism which we know animates the vast majority of Canadians, and which goes so far to foster in our countrymen that feeling of self-respect and independence without which no nation can ever achieve greatness. Such addresses, whether delivered to a learned society or on the political platform, always do good.

In another portion of his address Dr. Moore spoke of the progress of the science of medicine and surgery. Here the Pre-