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THE CANADA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

We can hardly realize that it is ten years since the organization of this Association in the good old city of Quebec, and yet such is the fact. On the 12th and 13th of this month, its tenth annual meeting was held in the Ladies Ordinary of the magnificent new Windsor Hotel, in this city, and although we are unable to chronicle a very large gathering, yet the attendance was good, and the general impression at its close was that the tenth meeting had been the most successful of all. As will be seen from the official report which we publish in another column, the meeting was highly honored by having on its platform so distinguished a man as the Right Hon. Sir Lyon Playfair, C.B., and M.P. for Edinburgh University. His address in acknowledgment of his election as an honorary member of our Association was couched in language, and contained sentiments which were pleasant to those who heard them. The delegates from the American Medical Association mustered in force, and were seated on the platform, and received a most cordial welcome. Dr. Kimball of Lowell, Dr. Wing of Boston, and Dr. Brodie of Detroit, have left behind them many pleasant memories of their visit, and take back to their homes the warm wishes of the many friends they made while here. We need not refer to the details of the meeting, as they will be found in another portion of the *Record*. We would, however, say that most, if not all, the papers read were of great value, and it is therefore with no ordinary pleasure that we announce that the Publication Committee have been able so to arrange matters that within a couple of months the whole proceedings will be issued in the form of *Transactions*. To us it has always been a matter of regret that the financial condition of the Association did not hitherto warrant the publication of the "*Transactions*," and that it is now impossible ever to get a permanent record of the first nine years of the Association's existence. The extent of this loss we cannot appreciate now, perhaps never will, but there will come a day when this loss will be mourned over,

and the apathy and indifference which caused it will be condemned. In the action which the Publication Committee have taken with reference to the issue of the transactions, they are sustained by the guarantees of a large number of the members of the Association, and when the volume is issued we trust every member will take a copy. This action of the Publication Committee prevents our doing more than publish an abstract of the proceedings, as the various papers must first see light in the *Transactions*.

The election to the presidential chair of Dr. Joseph Workman of Toronto was unanimous, and it was fitting that a man who stands so high in his department of medical science should receive with so hearty a good-will the highest gift in the hands of the profession of the Dominion to bestow. The retiring President, Dr. Hingston, filled the chair during the Sessions of the Association with dignity, and his address, which we hope to publish ere long, was received with much approbation.

During the Sessions of the Association there were on side tables in the room, exhibitions of instruments, &c., from F. Gross, in Montreal. A variety of pharmaceutical preparations were also exhibited by various firms. Messrs. Kenneth Campbell & Co., of Montreal, a firm whose reputation as first class chemists is known throughout the Dominion, made an excellent exhibit. They had a number of very beautiful Elixirs of their own manufacture on exhibition, at prices very low compared with other manufacturers. They also showed some specimens of Norway Cod Liver Oil, which were remarkably free from any disagreeable odor, and was bland and not unpleasant to the taste.

John Wyeth & Brother, of Philadelphia, also had an excellent exhibition of their new Dyalised Iron, which is being largely used by our Montreal Physicians. They also exhibited a variety of Elixirs, and some beautiful Compressed Tablets of Chlorate of Potash. The latter is an elegant method of prescribing this Salt.

W. H. Scheffelein & Co., of New York, exhibited some beautiful specimens of Soluble Pills and Granules, which were greatly admired by the members of the Association. This firm has made arrangements with Messrs. Lyman, Clare & Co. to keep a supply of their specialties on hand. We intend writing further at some future time, when we hope to be able to write from experience.

We had almost forgotten to say that lunch was