

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE Annual Meeting of the Canadian Medical Association was held in Ottawa on Sept. 12th, 13th, and 14th last. It is not our intention to give a full account of the various papers read. Space will not permit. For the benefit of those who were not present we will give a resume of a few of what we consider the papers of most general interest. Those of a more special character will no doubt be published and those who are interested in the various specialties will be able to read them *in extenso*.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, Sept. 12th, Dr. R. W. Powell of Ottawa gave his Presidential Address. The President referred proudly to the fact that though few were required, no less than 120 doctors and 190 trained nurses volunteered for active service in South Africa. In this connection the doctor pointed out an anomaly which should not exist. The question being asked what standing could a Canadian doctor whose services were accepted have in the imperial forces and he quoted Mr. Broderick who in the British House of Commons said in reply to this question that he really did not know, and that the matter was too complicated to admit of discussion. A Canadian doctor is good enough to attend Canadians in Canada but he has no legal right to practise upon them outside of his own little Province. A strong argument in favor of Dominion Registration which would give to the holders of the Dominion License the right to British registration. The President also referred to the prevalence of tuberculosis and to the preventible character of this disease and claimed that the isolation of tuberculosis patients ought to be insisted upon. A committee of defence in case a practitioner was wrongfully proceeded against for malpractice was also advocated. All of the Presidents' suggestions met with the hearty endorsement of the members.

Dr. G. S. Ryerson of Toronto the same afternoon read a paper entitled "Some of my experiences in the South African War." He pointed out that the war was interesting from a sur-