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The annual meeting of the Canadian Medical Association is now a thing of the past, and we may look back and pass in review some of its more important features. It is an easy task to find fault and say harsh things, because such acts do not require any exercise of mental effort. On this occasion we shall rather try to point out what is good; for this alone is worth preserving.

In the first place, the amenities of the occasion were all that could be desired. The people of Montreal everywhere were kind and obliging, and did all that lay in their power to make the visitors feel at home. There was a luncheon at the Royal Victoria Hospital and another at the Montreal General Hospital, after, in each instance, a clinic had been given on a number of interesting cases. There was a pleasant concert and suitable refreshments at the Students' Union after the Presidential address. Dr. and Mrs. Roddick gave a very enjoyable garden party at which a large number put in an appearance. There was a luncheon for the lady visitors at the Hunt Club, which was well attended. Sir George and Lady Drummond gave an afternoon tea to the visiting ladies at Huntleywood, their country residence, to which a special C.P.R. train conveyed the guests. Dr. Laphorn Smith on two occasions gave an early breakfast and then took his guests to the hospital, where they saw a number of interesting operations and cases. As a wind-up to these functions there was a smoking concert on the last evening of the convention. All of these were well patronized and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Turning to the business side of the annual gathering, it may be said that the attendance was not quite as large as was expected; but the programme was an excellent one. The papers read were equal to those read at any similar national gathering, and will be read with interest as they appear from time to time in the various journals. The publishing of these papers may do something towards removing the reproach that is sometimes hurled at our Canadian journals that they are quite mediocre. We hope after this that some of our friends will think better of our journals.

A very important event was the adoption of a new constitution and a new set of by-laws for the Association. This may mark a new era in its history. The only clause over which there was any lengthy discussion was the one referring to the publication of an Association journal. As the clause stood it appeared to some that it made it obligatory on the Association to proceed at once with the publication of such a journal. Drs. Young and Ferguson, of Toronto, spoke from the standpoint of experience that such an undertaking would require a large amount of