

Now as to the business of the meeting. Dr. Powell makes an ideal presiding officer, and fills a very difficult position with credit to himself and with great advantage to the Association, and, of course, anything we may say as to the conduct of the Association's business is not intended to reflect in any manner upon him. He carried out the constitution of the Association and conducted the programme of papers as far as it was possible for any one to do so as laid down in the printed programme. However, we have two suggestions to make as to the conduct of business at future meetings of this Association.

First we would suggest that the addresses be read and the general business transacted in open meeting and that then the Association divide into sections. At first, as a trial, we think it would be advisable to have but two sections—one on Surgery and one on Medicine. Many gentlemen attend these meetings who are not particularly interested in general surgery or in any of its specialities, and again, other gentlemen attend who devote their time and thought to general surgery or to some special department thereof, taking but little interest in purely medical subjects. Now it is manifest that it cannot be very interesting for a gentleman of either class to sit and listen to a paper and afterwards to a discussion upon a subject with which he is not familiar and for which he has no liking. How much more interesting, how much more instructive, of how much more good would these meetings be productive, if each class in the profession could meet by itself and discuss those questions which arise in the department of our profession to which each more especially devotes himself? This is merely a suggestion—not intended as an adverse criticism, but rather as a hint to the executive when arranging the programme for next year.

Our second suggestion is that no business should be brought on at a time prior to the time announced in the printed programme. To do so is manifestly unjust. Very few of those who attend the meeting can make it convenient to be present at every session, but each one will make his arrangements so as to be present at those sessions at which any matter in which he is specially interested is to be discussed. To bring up any question at a session of the Association before the advertised time is unfair to such an individual, and unfair to the Association, the