

Of the work accomplished it is, perhaps, too soon to judge. The division into medical and surgical sections, a revival of a plan adopted some years ago, has been, we feel, a success. At previous meetings it has too often happened that, from want of time, many contributors to the programme have been unable to present their papers except by title. While this has been unavoidable, it has been the cause of more or less discontent, especially to the infrequent attendant, who, perhaps, has made some sacrifices to be present in order to have the opportunity of bringing his views before the profession as a whole. As the Association grows it will no doubt be found expedient to still further multiply the sections so as to include the more important specialties.

**The Addresses.**—Of the character of the addresses, which we publish in full in the present number, the profession has good reason to be proud, and even had they constituted the whole work of this session, they would have well repaid those whose privilege it was to hear them. True it is that they will be published in all the leading journals of the Dominion, and thus can be read by all; but, equally true is it that much of the spirit that animates a speaker and serves to force upon his hearers the truth of his statements, and even to instil them with some of his own inspiration is lost by the mere reader.

The President's address, while reviewing briefly the position of the profession of the present day, touched upon one subject which is becoming of more and more importance to the teaching bodies, and through them indirectly to the whole profession. We refer to the proper proportioning of time spent in laboratory and clinical work in our medical schools. For example, with the increase of knowledge in special pathology and especially in bacteriology more time is required to make the student thoroughly conversant with this important part of his studies. Dr. Shepherd warns us that this may, if allowed to assume too much prominence, seriously curtail the time allotted to clinical work, which, he feels is the essential part of the medical curriculum.

All members sincerely regretted that Dr. John Stewart, of Halifax, to whom was assigned the honour of delivering the Address in Surgery, was unable to be present at the meeting, and the more so on account of the cause, which, we understand, was owing to the serious illness of a near relative. In his absence the address was read by one of the members. Taking as his subject the dependence of the advances in Surgery upon those in Pathology, the writer, by an apt illus-