

## Correspondence.

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*To the Editor of the CANADA MEDICAL AND SURGICAL JOURNAL:*

DEAR SIR,—The annual meeting of the British Medical Association, you are aware, has taken place this year at Bath, between the 6th and 9th days of this month. Bath is one of the quietest but pleasantest of towns and seems admirably suited for meetings of that kind. It is not so small but that ample and good accommodation can be afforded for a very considerable number of visitors, and yet not so large but that all shall be conveniently situated towards the rooms and places of meeting. In itself, too, the good old city has much to interest a visitor, medical or otherwise—Its famous hot springs, in which old Romans bathed and forgot their ills, are still seen boiling and steaming as they rise above the ground—its really beautiful buildings which surround those springs and afford the invalid every desirable luxury in the way of bathing—its noble cathedral, where the Bishop of Bath and Wells opened the meeting by an eloquent sermon to the Association, and queer old houses of almost all possible dates, carrying you back to the time when Dr. Johnson and his faithful boy came to the baths for the good of their constitutions and to enjoy the society of the many beauties of that day who found it “the thing” to go there. Bath is famous for its antiquities, and chief amongst those of great interest are a large number of Roman altars and other remains in wonderful preservation, which have been found here in all directions, and have been preserved in the local Antiquarian Museum. Members of the Association and Medical visitors were made free of all the baths during the meeting, and I assure you the swimming baths, the cutidaria, and the draughts of the aerated water were fully appreciated by a great many.

The first evening was chiefly occupied by the President's address—Unfortunately, this year that official was a Dr. Fal-