

Editorials.

THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The profession of Canada are pleased to learn that the next meeting of this great medical society will be held in this country. The Council of the Association, in a response to an invitation from Canada, has decided that Toronto will be the place of meeting in 1906.

At the meeting of the Association in Nottingham, 1892, Sir William Highston, of Montreal, said "he trusted that at no very distant date the British Medical Association would visit Canada. They would there find a heterogenous population—French, English, Scotch and Irish—but amongst them, they would find, too, an attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria, an intense love of British institutions, and a very deep feeling of loyalty to the Crown; and if the Association would do them the honor suggested he could assure for the profession a most cordial and hearty welcome."

Again, in 1896, Doctors Roddick, Armstrong and Adami of Montreal, and Doctors MacCallum, Cameron, Peters and Doolittle, of Toronto, speaking on behalf of Canada, invited the Society to hold the meeting of 1897 in Montreal. This invitation was cordially accepted, and Dr. Roddick was elected President. We shall have something to say about this magnificent meeting in a future issue.

In the meantime it will be interesting to consider certain matters in connection with the history of the Association, although in so doing we shall be to a large extent repeating our words of former years. The Association is now seventy-three years old. Its growth in earlier years was slow, but it has grown during the last thirty-five years with marvellous rapidity. Dr. White, of Nottingham, stated in his Presidential address, 1892, that he was Secretary of the Association in 1857, when there was an attendance of between eighty and ninety at the annual meeting. In its earlier days it was called the Provincial Medical and Surgical Association. In 1856 the meeting was held in Edinburgh, in 1862 in London,