

Erb's statistics are so trustworthy that one must be forced to the opinion that the usual gloomy picture is not correct, and that the views of specialists, who see for the most part only those infected, are altogether too pessimistic. In Canada, even in our largest cities, the percentages are undoubtedly lower than those quoted by Erb as being true for Germany.

THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND THE MEDICAL JOURNAL.

Certain members of the Canadian Medical Association think it would be well for the Association to publish its own Medical Journal. So far as we can learn the Canadian Medical Journals at present in existence are opposed to this suggestion. It may be thought by some that the different editors are actuated by selfish motives in thus opposing the proposed scheme. Without discussing this especially we may grant for the sake of argument that self-interest does affect them more or less. At the same time we feel certain that at least the majority of them conscientiously believe that the scheme is impracticable for the Association as constituted at present.

The writer has been a member of the Association for more than twenty-five years—for many years an active member—and has studied certain questions carefully. During these years two important questions arose: one referred to the establishment of a medical journal, and the other to the publication of the transactions. The transactions of one meeting were published over twenty years ago; the publication meant much work for two or three men, and it was supposed that the members would appreciate the results of their efforts, and buy a volume for the small sum of fifty cents. Very few purchased the book, and among these we never met one who was anxious for a repetition of the experiment.

Another act of the Association did a certain amount of injury. It was decided at one time that the members should pay their annual fee, whether present at the meetings or not. The Association is, of course, peripatetic (and we hope will