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CANADIANS IN THE UNITED STATES.

During a recent visit to the Pacific Coast we were greatly impressed at meeting so many Canadian graduates settled, and for the most part doing remarkably well, all through the United States. One hardly knows which to admire the more: the average high character, scientifically and morally, of the Canadian graduates, or the generous manner in which they have been received and welcomed by our wealthier neighbors. It is true that most of them are now naturalized American citizens, but we cannot for that reason cease to take a deep interest in their welfare and success. It was especially pleasing to see at the San Francisco meeting of the American Medical Association a former Canadian, and a graduate of Queen's College, Kingston, awarded the highest honor in the gift of the profession, namely, the election to the position of president for the ensuing year. In some of the cities, such as Detroit, more than half of the practitioners are Canadians, while in others, such as San Francisco and Chicago, many of the most prominent physicians have come from one or other of the provinces of Canada. It was also very pleasing to note the general elevation of the standard of medical education, all over the United States. As everyone is aware, some of the finest medical schools in the world were to be found in New York, Philadelphia and

Boston many years ago. But at the same time, graduates from medical schools with only two six months courses of study were allowed to practise in most of the States. All this is changed, and since a few years one State after another has required that its practitioners shall have studied for three and in some cases four years before being allowed to practise. In bringing this much desired state of affairs to pass, two men, we think, chiefly deserve the credit,—one who is still living and full of honors, Dr. Osler, formerly of Montreal, but now of Baltimore; and the other, Dr. Rauch, of the Illinois State Board of Health, who unfortunately has since passed away. By the aid of the powerful pens of these two men, the one in the East and the other in the West, the Medical Profession of the United States bids fair in a few years to be second to none in the world, for character and learning.

CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

We take special pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the annual meeting of the above Association, which is to be held this year at St. John, New Brunswick, on the 22nd of August. The latter month has been chosen instead of September, because it was thought that it would be more convenient for the majority of members to get away for their holidays at that time. We earnestly hope that every practitioner in Canada will make an effort to attend this meeting. We should remember that it is a national society, and it will only be by our united efforts, either in reading papers or being present to listen to them and discuss them, that the Association can become worthy of the nation. The railway rate will be either a single fare for the return trip, about thirteen dollars, or at most a fare and a third, about eighteen dollars. After the meeting there are delightful side trips up the St. John River, or up the Kennebecasis, or across the Bay of Fundy to Windsor and Halifax, or over to Portland and Orchard Beach. Unless word is received to the contrary, those who intend being present should pay the full single fare, and obtain a receipt for the same before starting. On presenting this to the Secretary at the meeting they will obtain an order for the return trip at one-