

of the JOURNAL, after briefly reviewing the history of the Association and especially of former meetings in Ottawa, dealt with three questions of general interest to the profession at the present time, namely, Dominion registration, the care and management of cases of tuberculosis, and the establishment of a medical defense association. The reports of the committees appointed at the meeting of 1899 in connection with these three subjects together with a detailed report of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting, will appear in our October number and will be there discussed.

The Address in Gynæcology, which we also publish, dealt with matters of great practical interest to every practitioner, "Mistakes in Diagnosis and Treatment," a subject on which Dr. Gardner from his wide experience as consultant for twenty years is eminently qualified to speak.

Specialism in Medicine, which was happily chosen by Dr. Shattuck as the theme of the Address in Medicine, we also print in the present issue. While many of his hearers would not agree with Dr. Shattuck in all his conclusions, all would agree with him in thinking that the tendency to increase in specialism at the present day is leading to some absurd divisions of medical and surgical work. One of those instanced was the National Association of Gastro-Enterologists, a society lately formed in the United States.

The Address in Surgery will appear in the October number. Mr. Owen's address emphasized some important points in the treatment of tuberculous lesions of the bony tissues and was characterised by brilliancy of expression and many witty illustrations.

The arrangements made by the local committee for the comfort and convenience of visiting members were most complete, and the entertainments provided for their recreation were delightful. The hospitality of the profession in Ottawa is proverbial, and they more than sustained their reputation in this respect. At the termination of the first afternoon session, the members and their lady friends were taken for a beautiful trip on the fine cars of the Ottawa Electric Railway to Britannia on the Bay, a charming little summer resort on Lake Deschenes, where a stop was made long enough to allow of a visit to the pier.

On Thursday evening a complimentary banquet at the Russell House was tendered to the visiting members by the Ottawa members of the Association. After an excellent repast and toasts of "The Queen" and "The Governor-General" had been honoured in the customary way, the toast of "The Parliament of Canada" was responded to by Sir William Hingston and Dr. Roddick, M.P., and that of "The Cor-