

development; but it seems fitting that at this congress, in acknowledging our obligations to this science, we should not omit to mention that at its head now stands a Russian, Mendeleef, whose marvellous prescience enabled him to predict the existence of elements which were then unknown, and even to describe their properties more correctly than those who first verified his predictions by obtaining the substances themselves. When we consider that little more than a hundred years have elapsed since the time of Lavoisier, and contemplate the vast benefits which medicine and its allied sciences have derived from chemistry during this time, our hopes cannot be otherwise than great for the centuries to come.—*Medical Record*.

The Montreal Meeting.

THE annual meeting in Montreal will always remain an event memorable in the annals of the British Medical Association. Founded as a provincial organisation, the first stage of the Association's development was its growth into a national institution. The sound basis upon which it had been formed, and the energy thrown into the conduct of its affairs led to rapid extension throughout, and finally beyond, the confines of the British Isles. The formation of Colonial Branches marked an era in the history of the Association. The first annual meeting of the Association in one of the Colonies marks another era, and proves to all the world that the Association is one of the influences which is working to bind together the scattered peoples of the British Empire into one great nation.

The reports which we have published and others which will appear in due course will have been sufficient to show to those not present that the Montreal meeting has been an unqualified success, but it is difficult to convey in words a just impression of the measure of this success. Individual effort and the ready co-operation of a united profession have combined with the loyalty of a young, buoyant and energetic people to render the meeting brilliant. Canadians of all professions and all classes have welcomed the Association with a genuine warmth, which has graven deep and ineradicable impressions in the heart of every one from the Mother Country who was fortunate enough to partake of that welcome. But the appeal was not only to the heart but also to the intellect and the judgment. The Canadians were able to show not only that they had warm hearts, generous hands, and an enthusiastic loyalty, but that they had already ensured that they shall take a large share in the intellectual and scientific life,