

the meeting they will be typewritten, and this report placed beside each case. Living cases for examination must be in their rooms at 8.30 p.m., and those presenting them should likewise be punctual. Half an hour could then be spent with those cases and at nine o'clock, the patients having been dismissed, an adjournment would be made to the lecture room and the cases there discussed. On these same lines pathological specimens, with descriptive cards, could also be presented.

The result of such a plan would be a great saving of time and by 9.15 any paper or series of case reports could be read, discussed and the meeting closed by 10.15 p.m. The length to which some of our meetings are at times prolonged is recognized as a great drawback to success, and to further obviate this, punctuality on the part of our members is earnestly requested.

In looking over the work of this Society for many years back one is impressed with the fact that "the discussions have been confined to a very small proportion of the members present at any meeting." This is the dominant note of nearly every president in his remarks made at the close of each session. And it is so forcibly expressed in the remarks of one of them, Dr. Bell, that I do not hesitate to quote his remarks upon this subject, with which my own are so fully in accord: "This, I fear, is the weak point of the Society, and I trust the members will pardon me for calling attention to it. With every department of medicine represented on our programme as they have been, clinically and pathologically, medicine and surgery, gynæcology and obstetrics, ophthalmology, otology, and laryngology, and with such a wealth and variety of material presented, it seems strange that lack of discussion should be the feature of our meetings. I am sure that I voice the sentiment of the older members, and of those who have been the main contributors in the past, when I say that we would gladly see the younger members take a more prominent part in the preparation and discussion of the papers. Let it not be thought for a moment that here some are teachers and some are students; rather let it be understood that all are students and all may be teachers; that here we meet on common ground for mutual benefit and for the advancement of our profession. We have abundant facilities, let us have active professional work in the Society from every member, young and old. This is all that is needed to make our Society a great power in the land."

In conclusion, your officers desire to thank you for honouring us with re-election, and assure you that it will be our endeavour to further the interests of this Society to the best of our ability, and in this work we hope to receive your hearty co-operation, without which our efforts otherwise would fail.