

given by our representative in England, Lord Strathcona, at the Botanical Gardens. It was the most largely attended function throughout the whole week of the Congress, invitations not being restricted to members of the Congress but also given to other Canadians who happened to be visiting London at the time.

It is a significant fact in the medical history of Canada that we now have a permanent Organizing Committee for the Eighteenth International Medical Congress, to be held in 1917. Of this Committee Dr. W. H. B. Aikins is chairman, and Dr. H. B. Anderson secretary.

In conclusion I should like to make a few suggestions as to the work of the Academy during the coming year. The Academy of Medicine was established with the object of promoting harmony and co-operation amongst the members of the profession in Toronto, and also to contribute to the diffusion of knowledge in regard to the work which is being done in this and other countries.

In regard to the various meetings it shall be our aim to provide programmes which will be of interest to the largest number of Fellows. The meetings of the special sections, such as pathology, pediatrics, and so on, will naturally be of the greatest use to those belonging to those sections, but I should very much like to see at least a partial return to the old order of things, in which greater interest, from a general point of view, was shown in pathology and the exhibition of clinical cases. I think it highly desirable that when cases are presented in the various sections in medicine and surgery, both the pathological and clinical reports should be included. At the same time the special pathological section of the Academy should, of course, still be maintained, and I would strongly urge the importance of having as much work done in this section as possible.

Finally, I should like to say that I assume the responsibilities of the presidency in the fullest confidence that I shall have the support and sympathy of every Fellow of the Academy and of every member of the Council, without which we cannot secure that degree of success and advancement which it is our privilege to attain.

Alopecia Areata — Dr. Whitfield, according to *Medical Press and Circular*, has met with considerable success in alopecia areata by correcting errors of astigmatism.