

pathological specimens and other material to ensure profitable meetings. Some of us in the past have done their whole duty in this regard, while others, like myself, have not.

We begin this year with no diminution in our numbers except by the loss of an excellent recording secretary, by removal to a far distant portion of the Dominion. Dr. J. N. E. Brown's place cannot easily be filled. Always bright and cheerful, ready to give any information, he was specially useful to us on account of his gift of shorthand, enabling him to make such excellent and correct reports of all that went on at the meetings. I am sure we all wish him every success in his new field of usefulness. It will be our duty to-night to endeavor to find a successor.

So far as I am aware the scheme of forming an Academy of Medicine here, and merging this and kindred societies in Toronto into it, has not made much headway. A committee was appointed in this connection, I believe, but no report has yet reached me of their having taken any action or met any similar committee from other societies. It would perhaps be better to again nominate a committee to act for us, in case the question takes any actual shape.

Last year we as individuals and as societies felt the benefit of the visit of the two important associations to Canada—the British Association for Advancement of Science, and the British Medical Association. The visit of so many of the foremost men in the ranks of science and medicine of Great Britain and the United States to this country could not help stimulating our interest in many branches of medical science. This year the meeting in Edinburgh of the British Medical seems by reports in the medical press to have been, if possible, even more successful than that in Montreal. A number of Canadians were present, not a few of them from Toronto and Fellows of this Society. You will see that to-night one of our Fellows will give us some aspects of the meeting. I had much hoped myself to have been at the meeting to renew friendships again with many whom I had known and worked beside years ago, but unfortunately my visit across the Atlantic was cut short, and I had to return before the meeting took place. Though not present I read with much interest the accounts given of the various meetings, addresses and social functions. It made me realize in a way I don't think I had ever done before, how great the change in medicine has been in the twenty-five years that have elapsed since I left the walls of my *alma mater*. It was my intention to-night to have taken some subject and drawn your attention to the advance made in it, as for instance the special lines of advances made by surgery, but I found the field to be travelled over so wide