

methods of a lawyer who badgers and harasses a witness into a state of mind which prevents clear thought and favours lapsus linguæ, may well be called in question. And it is not impossible that had the "prosecuting" attorney been less insistent upon having the answers he wanted to strengthen his cause, a more accurate and more just record of data would have been obtained.

Laxness in the keeping of records was shown, and the Honourable Commissioner may find that in this particular case, too much was left to improperly trained individuals, and that scarcely sufficient oversight was given by those most directly responsible. But it cannot be gainsaid that the hospital has been steadily increasing in efficiency of late years, and that it merits the confidence of the public as much to-day as ever it did. The prominence given to comparatively trivial defects in its management will doubtless stimulate those who have been negligent to better effort in the future, and it may be reasonably expected that out of the undoubted evil of this investigation good will come.



British Medical Association.

The success of the Montreal Meeting of the British Medical Association, in 1897, encourages us to look forward to the meeting to be held in Toronto in August of this year, with the confident

expectation that it will be in every way creditable. It is a compliment to Canada that the premier medical organization of the English speaking world should elect to meet within our borders twice within a single decade. For this reason every Canadian physician should feel an interest in the approaching meeting, and should put forth what endeavour he can to make it successful. No one can doubt that the Toronto brethren will exert themselves to the utmost, and that the arrangements which they will make will prove in every way satisfactory. The efforts which they make should be heartily seconded by members of the profession throughout the Dominion. So exceptional an opportunity of meeting with the leaders in British medical circles should prove an irresistible attraction, and Toronto should be the Mecca of a vast pilgrimage of Canadian medical men in August.

In this connection it is perhaps not unwise to suggest to non-members of the British Medical Association the advisability of at once joining the association. The membership fee (one guinea) includes subscription to the *British Medical Journal*, and by joining early, a complete file of the *Journal* for the year can be secured. It is of course desirable that those who intend applying for membership should associate themselves with the nearest local branch.