

## Society Reports.

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### Canadian Medical Association.

THE Annual Meeting of the Canadian Medical Association convened in Kingston, Ontario, August 28th, 29th and 30th. The President, Dr. BAYARD, of St. John, N.B., occupied the chair. The meeting was held in Queen's University.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING.

**What is the best treatment for Retroversion of the Uterus?** This was the title of a paper, by A. L. SMITH, of Montreal. The paper consisted of a statement of how to replace the uterus in cases uncomplicated by inflammatory adhesions, or accompanying tubal or ovarian disease by the knee-chest position. In the more intractable cases where the round ligaments (which were muscular) had become relaxed he recommended the Alexander operation, the technique of which he described. In those cases where inflammatory adhesions were found he considered the operation of ventro-fixation the better way of dealing with the organ. The method of doing this he also described.

**The President's Address.**—The first item of the afternoon session was Dr. BAYARD's address, the manuscript of which appeared in a beautifully and plainly-written script (which is to be engrossed and kept among the archives), although the venerable president is in his eighty second year. The address was nearly an hour in its delivery, and dealt with live issues throughout. It was listened to with great interest, and excited the admiration of all present. He said that his years were so far spent that honors did not possess the same charm they did years ago, but he no less appreciated the great honor of being chosen to preside over the deliberations of the Canadian Medical Association, representing, at it did, four or five thousand practitioners of medicine, scattered over a country so many thousands of miles in extent. He did not expect the honor and he did not deserve it, as circumstances had prevented his attending many of the recent meetings, such meetings were great educators, both of the head and the heart. It was a great stimulus to its members. It was at such meetings that they could compare the scientific phenomena they had observed in their practices. The progress of medicine was in a great part due to such associations of medical men. The social meeting, too, was a most pleasing element in such gatherings, where the friendly hand-