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**B**EFORE another issue of this journal the first meeting of the Maritime Medical Association will have taken place, and we shall know whether such a society is likely to meet the expectations of its promoters.

As far as the intellectual portion of the programme is concerned, a sufficient number of papers has been promised to make it a success, so that there need be no fear in that respect. It must not be forgotten, however, that it is the first and organizing meeting; a constitution and bye-laws will have to be adopted or arranged for, and it is to be hoped that those attending will think these matters over before they come, so that knowing their minds less time will be taken up in the discussion of these particulars.

There is no doubt that this association may be made the means of greatly advancing the interests of the profession if it is followed up and loyally supported, and for this purpose we bespeak for it a rousing attendance from the three provinces, in order to launch it

into existence with an *eclat* that will be prophetic of a prosperous and useful career.

**T**HE Baddeck meeting of the Nova Scotia Society will be long remembered by those who were fortunate enough to attend. The splendid weather afforded every one the opportunity of taking in the scenery of the island, or indulging the piscatorial pastime. To those familiar with or indifferent to both, the various papers presented afforded enjoyment.

The paper of the meeting was that of Dr. Sinclair on Cerebral Localization. Students accustomed to his excellent delivery can easily understand how he held for nearly an hour the attention of his hearers.

Dr. William Norrie's paper on Vital Statistics was a very able effort and much appreciated by those who heard. The great feature of the meeting was the excellent papers presented by the younger members and the prominent part they took in discussions. Dr. Kendall, of Sydney, obtained an attentive hearing whenever he spoke. It may be safely predicted that no future meeting of the Society will be devoid of interest.

**F**OR some years the medical officers of the English army have been laboring under serious and irritating disabilities owing to the uncertain position they occupied with regard to rank. On account of some unexplained, or unexplainable reason, they found themselves deprived of many courtesies due their position, and even of privileges in connection with sick leave always accorded to their combatant brethren. It was believed by them and the members of the profession in civil life, that the only remedy for this unpleasant state of affairs was the granting to army medical officers of definite army rank and titles, thus giving them an assured and positive status in an organization in which rank counts for so much. The cause was