

British Medical Association Column.

EDITORIAL NOTES—BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION— MONTREAL MEETING.

Since our last issue there has been much accomplished in connection with the forthcoming meeting, but most of the work has been of a nature that, while useful, does not lend itself to being chronicled.

Most of all has been Dr. Roddick's journey to England, and its result. Attention has already been called to the warm welcome received by the President-elect, and to the dinner which was given in his honor in London—a dinner presided over by the President of the Council of the Association, Dr. Saunby, and at which were present many of the old Presidents of the Association, together with Dr. Barnes, of Carlisle, the present President of the Association as a whole; Dr. Wilks, President of the Royal College of Physicians; Mr. Macnamara, senior Vice-president of the College of Surgeons; Mr. E. Tegart, Master of the Apothecaries' Society; Mr. Butlin, President of the Pathological Society. Dr. Roddick made an excellent campaigning speech, which was published in full in the *British Medical Journal* of January 23rd.

Evidently the fact that the President-elect ventured to cross the Atlantic in the middle of winter, simply to attend a Council meeting of the Association, made a great impression.

Until the list of officers is officially declared we cannot, unfortunately, make public the names of those appointed as readers of addresses and as presidents of the various sections. This much, however, we can say, that the Council at home is determined that there shall be eleven sections: Medicine, surgery, gynaecology and obstetrics, anatomy and physiology,

27th, in consequence of the necessary pathology and bacteriology, pharmacology and therapeutics, public or state medicine, psychology, laryngology and otology, and dermatology, and that the list of presidents of these various sections will comprise the names of a greater number of distinguished men than has been the case at any previous meetings of the Association, the meetings in London itself perhaps excepted. If we accomplish nothing more, Dr. Roddick, by his efforts in obtaining these presidents, made it certain that the 1897 meeting of the Association must, in this respect, be most memorable.

We are glad to note that the other colonies of the Empire, even as far away as Australia, are showing great interest in the forthcoming meeting, and that letters received from Australia and the Cape, not to mention British possessions nearer home, such as Bermuda and Barbadoes, show that we are assured that the profession there will help to increase the success of the meeting.

It is a matter of genuine satisfaction in Montreal that the efforts made by the local Executive to render the meeting national rather than local, and to associate the leaders of the profession throughout the Dominion in the work of the Association, is being so highly appreciated.

No steps have as yet been taken to ask for subscriptions outside of Montreal, and unless the meeting attains enormous dimensions it is probable that nothing more will be attempted. All the same, it was with genuine pleasure that the announcement was received at the last meeting of the local Executive, that a leading member of the profession in Manitoba had offered no less than \$100 in aid of the expenses of the meeting.

We are asked by the secretary of Museum Sub-Committee to state that although many applications for space in the museum building have been received, spaces for which tenders are asked will not be allotted until March