

Correspondence.

EXETER MEETING.

To the Editor, THE CANADIAN PRACTITIONER AND REVIEW:

SIR,—I read with surprise and regret an editorial in the last number of *THE PRACTITIONER*, referring to the treatment of some Toronto visitors at the recent meeting of the British Medical Association at Exeter.

It is quite true that we all did our best to entertain the Association here last year, and it is equally true, I am sure, that we did it for the public good and for the honor of the profession, and not for any end of our own.

I would like to state that I arrived at Exeter from London about 6.30 p.m., July 31st, and telephoned to the local Secretary, Dr. Andrew, who at once gave me an address at which I found comfortable accommodation. Before I was out of my room next morning I received an invitation to luncheon that day at the residence of an Exeter physician previously quite unknown to me. This was a delightful occasion, and I met there a number of English members of the Association, one of whom, a well-known surgeon in Harley Street, London, at once invited me to dinner there on Saturday night, August 3rd (and a most agreeable dinner party it was).

To return to Exeter. I went into one of the sections that morning, and sat down in a back seat. Before I had time to look about me, the Secretary came down and whispered in my ear, "I am right, am I not? You are Dr. —, of Toronto? I was sure it was you. The Chairman would like you to take part in the discussion."

The same morning, in the General Secretary's office, I was regretting that I was too late to get an invitation to the garden-party of the Bishop of Exeter. No sooner had I said so than one of the assistants answered, "If you will return at two o'clock this afternoon, I am almost sure I can get a card for you." I returned, and got the card.

At night I went to the entertainment in the Rougemont Hotel, and on my way, as I was alighting from the tram, one of the members of the Committee, who happened to sit opposite to me in the tram, addressed me, with no preface nor introduction, saying, "I am a member of the Committee, and I have not been able to find anyone yet to make myself useful to. Will you not join us?" and escorted me in. Though it was