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The thirty-ninth meeting of this Association was held in Kingston, Ont., on the 28th, 29th and 30th August, and was considered to be more than ordinarily successful. All the Provinces of the Dominion, with the exception of Manitoba and British Columbia, were well represented. Some one hundred and thirty members registered in the Treasurer's book. The papers were numerous and well selected. The President's address was admirable, and, notwithstanding his eighty-one years, delivered in a voice strong enough to fill the convocation hall of Queen's University, where the general meetings were held. The addresses on Surgery and Medicine fully sustained the well established reputations of the gentlemen who delivered them. There was a general feeling throughout, however, that the majority of the papers presented were too lengthy, occupying in many cases nearly an hour in the reading. This is a constant source of complaint and should be remedied if possible. A good rule to establish would be, that no address should occupy a longer time than forty minutes, and no paper a longer time than twenty minutes. The papers should be short, crisp and suggestive, being intended really to form a text for discussion. After all, the discussions constitute the most interesting and instructive element in these meetings, giving every one an opportunity of taking part. The plan already adopted of selecting special subjects for discussion is an admirable one, although the impression gets abroad that those only mentioned on the programme are expected to speak; whereas all should be invited to take part.

The social events in connection with this meeting of the Association were well planned and admirably carried out. The reception given by Dr. and Mrs. Fowler on the afternoon of the first day was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The excursion through the Thou-