

address, which we have given *verbatim*. They are the highest schools of mutual instruction in medicine, and to them members come, to impart the results of their own thought and observation, and carry away with them an additional stock. It may be said that we can do just as much at home, but this is not the case, for views may need to be criticised, compared with those of other authorities, either present or absent, and corrected, and learners may want to get further light on some obscure point, or elicit from the investigator something he has not thought of writing, and may, in so doing, suggest to him some new point. Thus in a few hours a subject goes through a sifting process which would take months, and even more, of scattered reading to accomplish otherwise.

We would like to see each member come fully alive to his responsibility as a co-worker in the grand aims of the medical profession, and large numbers of them with something new and important to impart, put in the briefest form, compatible with justice to the new fact or new form of putting it. In this way each, while doing what is really his part in a great work, would be fully alive to the great value of the time at the disposal of the Association, and while imparting knowledge when he had it, would refrain from wasting the time of himself and others by saying in many words what has been said over and over again, or bringing forward facts well and generally known. It might, possibly, be well if those intending to read papers would, a few weeks beforehand, send to the journals the title of their papers, so that others could be ready to compare notes.

The Association is not the exclusive property of any one man, or of any set of men; if, therefore, something is done, or left undone, to the displeasing of any member, let him not on that account remain away, but if something has gone wrong, let him use his influence to set it right, and let him try *first* to do it calmly and quietly, and not suppose that the misdeed has been done purposely against him. At the recent meeting there was a scarcity of the names of members from the country places on the list prepared by the nominating committee. This, we believe, was entirely due to inadvertence, and to the

fact, that the more isolated men are apt to be overlooked, even by one another, than those with whom we come in daily contact. Had the gentlemen who drew attention to the circumstance, considered the matter from all points of view, we think they would have agreed with us and approached the matter in a milder way.

We hope to see at the future meetings of the Association a still further increase of members, good-fellowship, and usefulness—a constant pushing on to the goal as successive years go by.

MINERAL WELLS OF TORONTO.

As many persons in this city are very proud of the possession of so-called mineral wells, we take the liberty of placing before our readers an analysis of the water of one of them, kindly furnished by Mr. Hayes, of the School of Practical Sciences, merely saying that the well in question is connected with a block of new stones recently erected and owned by one of our most prominent aldermen, and that we are attending, at the present time, in the family who occupy the premises, one case of typhoid fever, one case of dysentery, and two cases of diarrhoea, with more than usual gastric disturbances and prostration.

Mr. Hayes says (what would strike anyone at a glance) that the water is altogether unfit for drinking purposes. His report is:—Total soluble matter, per gal., 153 grs.; chlorine, 18.5 grs.; free ammonia, parts 1,000,000, 1.12 grs.; albuminoid ammonia, .36 grs.

The young man who has the fever, was in the habit of drinking larger quantities of the water thus contaminated with sewage, than other members of the family, under the impression that the more he drank the better it would be for him.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—ENTERTAINMENT BY MR. AND MRS. BICKFORD, AT GORE VALE.—After the adjournment of the annual meeting the members of the Association availed themselves of the kind hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Bickford, at an "At Home," given by Mrs. Bickford at Gore Vale. The grounds were abundantly illuminated with Chinese lanterns.