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On the following day an additional report was received from this Committee, completing their list of nominations.

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It will be noticed that in the above reports Canada was specially honored. Dr. Hingston, our worthy Mayor, was chosen one of the Vice-Presidents of the Congress, while Dr. R. Palmer Howard, of Montreal, Professor of the Theory and Practice of Medicine in McGill University, was elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the

Section of Medicine. Dr. James A. Grant, M.P., of Ottawa, was elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Section of Surgery, and Dr. Francis W. Campbell, Professor of Physiology in Bishop's University, was elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Physiological Section.

The Congress being thus fairly inaugurated, adjourned to meet in sections, and it was here that the real work was done. The plan daily adopted was the following: The Congress met at ten a.m., and received reports from the Sections. Then there was read at each of these sessions a paper on various medical topics. Such as an address on Medicine from Dr. Flint, sen., of New York; one on Hygiene from Dr. Bowditch, of Boston; an Address on Surgery, by Professor Paul E. Eve, of the University of Nashville, &c. &c. At one o'clock the Congress adjourned to take lunch, which was daily served in a large room in the basement of the University. At two o'clock the Sections met and usually continued in session till six o'clock, and sometimes this hour was exceeded. The Sections which attracted the largest attention were the surgical, the obstetrical, and the medical. All of these had constantly large audiences. In the Surgical Section, Professor Lister, its Chairman, was the observed of all observers, and received a most cordial reception. On the second day he illustrated his method of antiseptic dressing and explained most fully the basis as well as the superstructure of his germ theory. From the opening of the section, at two o'clock, till its close, past six—with but a short interval of less than an hour, which was taken up by a few other speakers—Professor Lister occupied the time of the Section. No greater compliment could Professor Lister have received than was accorded by the close attention which was given him during his three hours of speaking. In the discussion of the system of antiseptic surgery, there was an evident wandering on the part of many, if not most, of the speakers, and it devolved upon a distinguished Canadian, Professor Canniff, of Toronto, to more than once cause them to face about. In this Section many valuable papers were read, and the discussions were intensely interesting. Professor Lister made an excellent Chairman. He has aged somewhat since we attended his classes at the University of Glasgow, in 1861, but he is still fresh and hearty, and will, we hope, be long spared to