

THE FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL PERIODICAL CONGRESS OF GYNÆCOLOGY AND OBSTETRICS.—The second session of this congress is to be held at Geneva, Switzerland, in the first week of September. In the section for gynæcology the following is the official programme: (1) "Treatment of Pelvic Suppurations"—Reporters: Dr. Bouilly, of Paris; Dr. Kelly, of Baltimore; Dr. Zweifel, of Leipsic. (2) "Surgical Treatment of Uterine Retro-Deviations"—Reporters: Dr. Küstner, of Breslau; Dr. Pozzi, of Paris; Dr. Polk, of New York. (3) "What Method of Closing the Abdomen Presents the Best Guarantee against Abscesses, Eventrations, and Hernias?"—Reporters: Dr. Granville-Bantock, of London; Dr. La Torre, of Rome. In the section for obstetrics: (1) "Relative Frequency and Most Common Forms of Pelvic Contractions in Different Races, Groups of Countries, or Continents"—Reporters: Dr. Fancourt Barnes, of London; Dr. Dohrn, of Königsberg; Dr. Fochier, of Lyons; Dr. Kufferath, of Brussels; Dr. Jentzer, of Geneva; Dr. Lusk, of New York; Dr. Reir, of St. Petersburg; Dr. Pawlick, of Prague; Dr. Pastalozza, of Pavia; Dr. Traub, of Leyden. (2) "Treatment of Eclampsia"—Reporters: Dr. Charles, of Brussels; Dr. Charpentier, of Paris; Dr. Halbertsma, of Utrecht; Dr. Loehlein, of Giessen; Dr. Mangiagalli, of Milan and Pavia; Dr. Parvin, of Philadelphia; Dr. Smyly, of Dublin.

PROF. LEWIS A. SAYRE'S NINETEENTH BIRTHDAY.—Our distinguished townsman, Prof. Lewis A. Sayre, although seventy-six years of age on Saturday last, had reached at that time but his nineteenth birthday, it coming only in leap years, or on February 29. When Professor Sayre celebrated his eighteenth birthday in 1892, the Rev. Dr. William R. Huntington, pastor of Grace Church, sent him the following poem:

"Dear Doctor Sayre, and is it true
That Nature set her clock for you
Some four and fifty years too slow?
How clever of her to foreknow
That you would keep yourself so young,
So firm of heart, so stout of lung;
That she would never be detected,
Or you so much as e'en suspected
Of being older by a day
Than leap-year records seem to say!
Eighteen, dear friend, or seventy-two,
Which e'er it be, good luck to you!"

"So say we all of us." Thousands of his professional brethren on both sides of the Atlantic, his numerous friends and patients, and all his old associates, wish him many returns. Few are privileged to get the better of their birthdays in this way and receive the twice-doubled congratulations that attend them. You are welcome to all, old friend. Smell the flowers while you can.—*Medical Record.*