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IN this issue we publish an account of the meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association, to be followed by the proceedings of the International Pharmaceutical Congress and an account of the principal chemical and pharmaceutical exhibits at the World's Fair. In connection with this matter, we wish to draw attention to the fact that THE MONTREAL PHARMACEUTICAL JOURNAL was the only Canadian journal represented at the pharmaceutical congresses, one of which—the International Congress—was of the greatest interest to pharmacists the world over.

ONE feature of the International Pharmaceutical Congress, of which every member of the Quebec Association should be proud, is the fact that almost every committee appointed contained one of the Quebec delegates, Mr. E. Muir being named one of the vice-presidents and also member of the committees on the International Pharmacopœia and Education, Mr. Lachance one of the vice-secretaries, while at the reception in the Schiller building, August 2st, Mr. Morrison was entrusted by the presiding officer with the task of sustaining the honor of Canada in the oratorical line.

THE presentation of the Hanbury medal to Prof. John M. Maisch was a well-deserved recognition of the labors of this distinguished pharmacist in the

field of Materia Medica. As Professor of Materia Medica and Botany in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, as editor of the *American Journal of Pharmacy*, and as Permanent Secretary of the A. P. A., Prof. Maisch has probably done more than any other man to elevate the standard of pharmacy in the United States, and, as Mr. Carteighe said in presenting the medal, "he is a worthy successor to the many distinguished men to whom that award has been made in the past—Fluckiger, Dragendorff, Howard, Planchon and Hesse." These names, with that of Maisch, represent all that tends towards the advancement of pharmacy in its various branches, and the conferring of this great honor upon an American pharmacist was made in a most appropriate year and season. A shade of sadness pervaded the presentation proceedings, as the recipient was at the time upon his death-bed, but conscious and happy in the knowledge of the great honor done him.

SINCE writing the above, news has been received of the death of Prof. Maisch on Sunday, September 10.

John M. Maisch was born in Hanau, Germany, January 31, 1831. He came to America in 1849, and after serving in Baltimore and Washington went to Philadelphia. In 1854 he became associated with Prof. Proctor in editing the *American Journal of Pharmacy*. In 1861 he was appointed Professor of Materia Medica and Pharmacy in the New York College of Pharmacy, where he remained for two years, till he was appointed chemist in charge of the U. S. Army Laboratory in Philadelphia, a position which he occupied till it was closed. He then opened a retail pharmacy, and in 1867 was appointed Professor of Botany and Materia Medica in the Philadelphia College, which position he held till his death. He was ap-