

On the evening of the 14th a "banquet fraternal" was held.

The entertainments provided at various places during the excursion were numerous and showed the interest that the Mexican people as a whole took in the congress.

#### Achievements of the Congress.

Of great importance and variety were the achievements of the Mexican Congress.

For instance, in referring to the Geological Guide Book, prepared under the direction of the Executive Committee, a United States technical journal, *Economic Geology*, said:

"Mexico has during the last decade become the seat of such extensive mining operations that even the most meagre geological information is eagerly welcomed by all geologists and mining engineers, and a publication so thoroughly and carefully prepared as this geological guide must be at once recognized as having an unusual scientific and practical value. Beautifully illustrated, it gives sections and maps of all important mining districts and noteworthy geological features of the various regions covered by the excursions of the Congress. Certain of the papers on economic geology furnish the only available information on more than one district of widely recognized commercial importance.

"Mexico is to be congratulated on having placed in the hands of professional men information so long desired on mining districts whose remote and unknown geological character has in no small measure handicapped successful mining in the regions concerned."

Of the geological map of North America, prepared in co-operation by the United States, Mexico and Canada, the same journal said:

"The second publication which accompanied the guide is scarcely of less importance and value to students of geology. Nothing so comprehensive has ever appeared in the way of geological maps."

(While our guide books and maps cannot be said to deal with areas wholly undescribed, still they put the descriptions in handy form and give a good synopsis of the literature. Will not our publications be as valuable to Canada as were those of the Tenth Congress to Mexico in making known the country's mineral resources and geology?)

The excursions were not less valuable than the publications. They gave members of the Congress exceptional opportunities for becoming acquainted with many of the large and historic mines, the geology, archaeology and numerous other features of great interest in the Republic. (Certain of the congressionists, at least, have shown their interest in the natural resources by making investments in the country and have induced others to do so.)

The published discussions on various geological themes during the sessions have a lasting value.

Not the least of the important results of the Congress was the kindly feeling engendered in the hearts of the visitors towards Mexico and her hospitable people. During the last month it was with feelings of sadness that we read of the partial destruction of that city which Diaz attempted to make, and in many respects succeeded in making, the most beautiful in North America.

We must all admire the achievements of President Diaz, one of the greatest military statesmen of his own or of any age. Weighted with years he had at last to retire. May another leader arise to bring peace and continued prosperity to the great, the beautiful, and the historic country!