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## Correspondence.

(By our own Correspondent.)

EDITOR OF CAN. MED. RECORD.

DEAR SIR:—

Perhaps a few words about the long talked of and well arranged Pan-American Medical Congress may prove of interest to those of your readers who were not able to have the pleasure of being present. The Congress was opened by an address of welcome from and a reception at the White House by the President of the United States on the 5th of September. This was followed by five minutes speeches in reply by representative doctors of Canada, the Argentine Republic, British West Indies, Chili, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Venezuela, most of the latter speaking in French or Spanish. In the afternoon the twenty-one sections got down to work, the best attended ones being that of Gynæcology, and next to that Obstetrics. The section on General Surgery was complaining about the other special sections taking away from it most of the

interesting questions for discussion. Among the members from Canada were Drs. Roddick, Gardner and Laphorn Smith of Montreal, Montizambert of Quebec, McCallum of Toronto, and several others, who all received the most cordial attention. In the evening of the first day there was a splendid reception and champagne supper; on the second evening, a promenade concert at Metzereit's hall, when the celebrated Washington Marine Band rendered some fine music. On the third evening there was an excursion provided for on a large steamer down the historic Potomac, with music and refreshments, returning to the city at ten o'clock. On Friday, at the close of the section work, a special train of ten Pullman cars was furnished by the United States Government to convey the foreign members and guests of the Congress to Chicago via Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Albany, Saratoga, Niagara Falls, Detroit, Cincinnati and St. Louis, at which cities entertainments will be provided, the trip terminating on the 19th Sept at Chicago. This is mentioned merely to give one an idea of the liberality with which the United States do these things. It will certainly