

a very badly served, dinner was held at Willard's Hotel, at which there were many distinguished guests. On the second night there was a magnificent discussion on intestinal obstruction in its medical and surgical relations, and which was opened by Reginald Fitz, of Boston, and continued by Nicholas Senn, Wm. Pepper, W. H. Draper, J. Collins Warren and others. The third evening was devoted to cerebral localization in its practical relations, papers being read by Chas. K. Mills, of Philadelphia, and Roswell Park, of Buffalo, while a fine discussion followed by David Ferrier (who created cerebral localization as far as English medicine is concerned), David Horsley, M. A. Stan, W. W. Keen and others. Dr. Ferrier's figure is rather below than above the medium size, and with his well trimmed moustache and side-whiskers, reminds one of a smart business man rather than of a great physiological experimenter. Of Victor Horsley, the *Medical Times* correspondent says: "One of the most interesting figures of the meeting was Mr. Victor Horsley. Every one was anxious to see the man whose exploits in cerebro-spinal surgery had attracted so much remark within the last two years. He is a thoughtful-looking young man, with deepset eyes and dark hair and moustache. In conversation he is very agreeable, and his quiet and modest demeanor at the discussion on cerebral localization secured him the careful attention of all present." The fourth and last evening was devoted to an address by the President of the Congress, Dr. Billings, on medical museums, which was listened to by a brilliant gathering of the members of the Congress and their wives and daughters, which afterwards adjourned to the elegant establishment of the Army Medical Museum, where the guests were received by Dr. and Mrs. Billings, Prof. Von Esmarch and the Princess of Schleswick-Holstein, his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Busey and others.

The President of the United States and Mrs. Cleveland, with their usual urbanity,

held a special reception on Wednesday afternoon at the White House. Judging from the hearty manner in which Grover grasped the hand of the Canadian contingent, nothing could make us believe that there is such a thing as retaliation in his heart. No! He has been imposed upon by some of his wily and unscrupulous political advisers to resort to this party exigency. Mrs. Cleveland's right arm continues to develop, owing to the many hundred thousand contractions its muscles make in the course of a year. Just fancy! Shaking hands with 8,000 people in one night, and every one getting from one to three *bona fide* shakes. One of the Washington society journals recently reported that she was now obliged to have a special glove for her right hand two sizes larger than the left. The Canadian guests were received with especial marks of courtesy, Dr. Hingston, as the senior Canadian present, coming in for a large share of professional and social attention.

The Montreal contingent consisted of Drs. Hingston, George Ross, Wilkins, J. C. Cameron, Laphorn Smith, Blackader, Shepherd, Alloway and Bell.

As an instance of American enterprise we might mention that the *New York Medical Record* had a regularly engaged staff of eleven reporters, who every evening handed in an abstract of all that transpired in the sections. These reports were forwarded to New York the same night, and were in type next day, the complete account of the Congress appearing in the Saturday number of the same week.

#### NOTICES OF BOOKS.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFECTANTS.—New Application and Use in the Prevention and Treatment of Disease and in Public and Private Sanitation. By the Committee on Disinfectants of the American Public Health Association.

This is perhaps the most complete work on this subject that has ever appeared, bringing its data up to latest advances in Bacteriology and Germicides.