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IMPRESSIONS OF THE SIXTEENTH INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS AND BUDAPEST.

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The city of Budapest was thrown wide open from the 28th of August to the 4th of September to the members of the Sixteenth International Medical Convention.

Each member of the Congress received a bronze medal of considerable artistic merit, decorated on one side by a relief of Aesculapius, and on the other a scene of the city and its coat-of-arms. To these were attached white ribbons for all physicians and the members of their families who were registered, green ribbons for delegates of medical societies, etc. These badges served as passes to all municipal buildings and institutions, to art galleries, museums and several of the famous sulphur spring bathing establishments. The wearer also received the most courteous treatment and assistance at every turn. As the Hungarian language is entirely different from any other in origin and construction, the visitor was often grateful for a few words of explanation from a kindly passer-by who spoke German or English. This courtesy, so universally extended, made a very favourable impression upon all the congressionists.

To the committees who managed the convention great credit is due. Some four thousand strangers had gathered from all corners of the globe, with ideas as varied as their languages. They came from China, Japan, Malay and Australia, from Africa and South America.

The plans for their accommodation, division into sections, comprising the various branches of the work in which they were interested, the arrangements for their entertainment and comfort, were remarkable in scope and in the success which attended them.

The office of the Hungarian Railways, known as the Central Bureau, had charge of the lodging of all members. For the first three days of the Convention this office was open day and night. Here the traveller who had registered in advance must go upon arrival and secure a card entitling him to the room at hotel or pension that had been reserved.