

took place in the Shell Room, the guests were arranged according to their nationalities, and Prince Leopold, in walking round the circle, caused a number of the representative visitors to be specially presented to him, addressing to each of them a few words of courteous welcome. Subsequently a concert was held in the garden, in the course of which Prince Leopold mixed with the visitors, and conversed with them on subjects likely to interest each. Refreshments were served, and the party returned, being taken back to Berlin by the special train which had brought them. Everything was done to make the medical guests of Germany feel that the German Emperor fully participated in the cordial and generous welcome which had been given to them by the municipality, citizens, and the profession of Berlin, and desired to mark his gracious goodwill to the Congress and all its members. Happily the weather on this as on all the other days of the Congress was peculiarly favourable, and the Court function was in every way an interesting and successful one.

*Dinner at the English Embassy.*—Sir Edward Malet returned to Berlin for the special purpose of showing attention to his countrymen, and gave a state banquet at the British Embassy on Thursday night. The guests were Sir Henry Acland, Sir Joseph Lister, Sir John Banks, Sir William Stokes, Sir William MacCormac, Dr. William Ord, Dr. Buchanan, Mr. Ernest Hart, Dr. Donald MacAlister, Director-General Dr. Dick, R.N., Surgeon-Major Notter (Netley), Surgeon-Major David Bruce (Netley), Surgeon-Major Rogers (Surgeon-General of the Egyptian Army), Dr. Phineas Abraham, Dr. Grant Bey (Cairo), Dr. Baldwin (U.S.A.), and Mr. Bashford. Sir James Paget and Dr. Priestley were unavoidably absent. Mr. Le Poer Trench, Secretary to the Embassy, and Mr. Howitt, attaché, vied with their chief during the week in courteous and obliging attentions to their countrymen visiting Berlin for the purpose of the Congress.

In the evening of Saturday a great entertainment was given by the Berlin physicians at Kroll's in honour of the Congress.

## WORK OF THE SECTIONS.

The following abstracts by specially competent writers will give some idea of the scientific work done in the various sections of the Congress.

### SECTION OF ANATOMY.

It is very questionable if there has ever been a more brilliant gathering of anatomists than that which took place in Berlin during the past week. As was to be expected, Germany was most largely represented. Of those who took active part in the proceedings we may mention Professors Kölliker, His, Waldeyer, Hertwig, Braune, Hasse, Weidersheim, Schwalbe, and many others whose names are known wherever morphological work is pursued. From Great Britain there were Sir William Turner, of the Edinburgh University; Professor D. J. Cunningham, of the Dublin University; Professor Reid, of Aberdeen; Dr. Symington; Professor Birmingham, etc. Italy was represented by Romiti, Golgi, etc.; and America by Professor Allen, of Philadelphia. From Austria there came Toldt, Benedikt, etc.

An enormous amount of work had to be got through, and the manner in which the business was conducted did not facilitate matters. It must be admitted that the arrangements were not so perfect as they might have been. The Section met

in one of the rooms in the Ausstellungspark. The greater part of the roof was composed of glass, and the heat was tremendous. It was also badly ventilated, and the Section might quite as well have sat in a conservatory. It was therefore necessary that frequent adjournments should be made for fresh air and liquid refreshments in the shape of "lager;" and, consequently, a good deal of valuable time was lost. Notwithstanding this slight drawback, the meeting was a most successful one, and nothing could exceed the kindness and courtesy which were shown by the German anatomists to their colleagues from other countries.

*Honorary Presidents.*—The first meeting took place on Monday afternoon, August 4th, when Sir Wm. Turner was called upon to take the chair. The greater part of the sitting was taken up with preliminary business. Eight or nine honorary presidents were elected. Amongst those who were thus honoured were Sir Wm. Turner, Professor D. J. Cunningham, and Professor Schäfer. And here we may remark a very curious custom which appears to prevail in Germany at meetings of this kind. The real President we understood to be Professor v. Waldeyer, the senior professor of anatomy in Berlin; but he completely effaced himself, and the chair was taken by the different honorary presidents in turn.

*Cerebral Convulsions.*—The work commenced in earnest on Tuesday morning. A discussion was opened by Sir Wm. Turner upon the cerebral convulsions. He gave a very able and comprehensive address on the subject. He was listened to by a very large audience with marked attention, and every one was delighted with the vigour and lucidity which forms so distinctly a character of his style. Professor Waldeyer followed, but his address was not so interesting, inasmuch as it was more circumscribed in its range, and dealt more with detail than with general principles. No further discussion was allowed, which was rather disappointing to some anatomists who were anxious to air their particular hobbies in this field.

*Growth of the Primate Brain.*—The first paper on this day was by Professor Cunningham. He dealt with a stage in the growth of the primate brain, and he endeavoured to show that when the primate head reaches in its development the quadrupedal stage, there appears to be a pause in the growth of the skull capsule, although the growth of the brain goes on steadily and without intermission towards the higher primate development. This quadrupedal pause brings the cranium and the cerebral growth for a short time into antagonism with each other, and the result is the production of a series of transitory unfoldings of the thin cerebral wall.

*Nuclear Division, etc.*—On Wednesday the chief feature of interest was a paper by Professor Flemming (Kiel). The work of this anatomist on nuclear division has obtained for him a world-wide reputation, and consequently his remarks on this subject were listened to with the greatest attention. At the same sitting Professor Anderson (Galway) read a paper.

*Anatomical Nomenclature.*—In the afternoon of the same day the "Anatomische Gesellschaft" met in the "Anatomischer Institut" (Louisenstrasse) for the purpose of considering the question of anatomical nomenclature. There was some difference of opinion as to how this might best be revised and improved. Sir Wm. Turner made a very sensible speech. He pointed out that before anything could be done in this direction some general principles would require to be agreed upon which would guide