

## CORRESPONDENCE.

THE XVII<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MEDICINE.

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SIR,—The Congress has come and gone, and has left pleasant memories with those who were so fortunate as to attend this memorable meeting.

The whole programme of the Congress was carried out with scarcely a hitch, though the president, Professor Müller, suffering from the strain of overwork was obliged to be absent from the opening ceremonies. The weather on the whole was agreeable but hot.

The interior arrangements of the main Congress building left nothing to be desired. Every facility was given to congressionists to make their visit profitable and enjoyable. Reading, writing and conversation rooms were provided, a restaurant dispensed refreshments, a post office, telegraph office, and telephone office were installed. A noticeable feature was that members of the central organization committee wore different colored ribbons, the color of which indicated the language which the wearer spoke, thus, a blue ribbon indicated French; white, German; green Italian; yellow, Russian; red, English, and so on. Many of the members of the committee wore several ribbons, indicating their proficiency in several languages. The Congress badge, worn by every one, is a work of art, of bronze, designed by the Hungarian artist, Geza Vastagh; it shows on the obverse in relief, the handsomely proportioned figure of Aesculapius, attended by the symbols of wisdom, the serpent and the owl, with the legend "Conventus Medicorum XVI. Internationalis." On the reverse are also in relief, the arms of Hungary and of Budapest, with the legend "MCMIX. Budapestini," the whole surmounted by a view of Budapest. There were twenty-one sections, which were attended by nearly 4,000 medical men. Ample provision was made for the 900 ladies accompanying the delegates.

Forty-one governments sent delegates. Dr. F. W. Pavy headed the British contingent, and associated with him were Sir Felix Semon, Sir Wm. J. Sinclair (Manchester), Sir Thomas R. Fraser (Edinburgh University), Dr. Wm. Allan Jamieson (President Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh), Lt.-Col. W. G. Macpherson, C.M.G., delegate from the army medical service, Fleet Surgeon, B. Pickthorn, delegate from the Royal Navy, and Colonel G. Sterling Ryerson, delegate from the Canadian Army Medical Service.