

We hope that the meeting will be largely attended.

At the Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association in 1884, the President, Dr. Austin Flint, in his address, called attention to the desirability of having the Triennial International Medical Congress hold its meeting in 1887 in America.

As the Association was the only organized representative of the profession in the United States he recommended the appointment of a committee to report upon the propriety of extending an invitation to the Congress which was to assemble in a few months in Copenhagen.

The committee to which this section of the President's address was submitted, reported a series of resolutions, providing for the appointment of a committee of eight, to proceed to Copenhagen, present the invitation on behalf of the profession of the United States, and if it was accepted the committee was authorized to continue in existence, to add to its numbers, and make all necessary arrangements for the meeting and organization of the Congress. These arrangements seemed to meet with general approval, and the profession in Canada as well as in the United States were looking forward to a happy and profitable meeting in Washington, D.C., in 1887 of many of the most eminent men from all parts of the scientific world. Unfortunately for the welfare of the Congress, however, a good deal of unfriendly feeling now exists among the profession in the United States, on account of the members added to the original counties, and of the manner in which officers of sections have been appointed. The West claims that the East have taken to themselves too much power and appointed themselves to too many prominent positions. The Western members of the profession feel that the officers of the coming Congress should be more geographically representative of the whole profession. They say the wisdom and scientific attainments of the Medical profession of the United States are not by any manner of means confined to a few men from Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston. The code question has also been drawn into the discussion, and some of the newly appointed members of the committee of arrangements hold opinions in regard to the code of ethics that the American Medical Association repudiate.

All this is to be deeply regretted, and in fact seriously imperils the success of the Congress, if not its assembling. The last London Lancet received at time of writing intimates that the International Medical Congress will not come to America unless the whole profession of the United States combine cordially in making a successful meeting.

There are yet two years to elapse before the meeting, and we hope that ere that time these petty Medico-political differences of opinion may disappear, at least from the surface, and that the members of the profession in the Eastern cities will consent to join the committee of the American Medical Association, and by their presence and co-operation insure success to the Congress in 1887.

The spread of small-pox in Montreal and surrounding municipalities is indeed assuming alarming proportions. There were 43 deaths from this loathsome disease during the week ending August 15th. Of these 42 were interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery and *only one* in the Protestant Cemetery.—“*Thereby hangs a tale.*”

REMOVAL OF THE KIDNEY.

On the 14th ult. Dr. Hingston removed the right kidney from a young lady who had been suffering severely for several years from hydronephrosis of the displaced organ. The lateral incision was adopted. The patient made an excellent recovery without any untoward symptom. This is so far as we can learn the first time this operation has been performed in Canada.

A popular physician was much pleased with a certain aerated water, and by his assiduous recommendations procured for it a celebrity it justly deserved. The doctor acted solely in the interests of humanity generally, and expected no return. To his surprise there came one morning an effusive letter from the Company, stating that his recommendations had done them so much good that they “ventured to send him a hundred ———” Here the page came to an end. “This will never do,” said the doctor; “it is very kind, but I could not think of accepting anything.” Here he turned the page, and found the sentence ran—“of our circulars for distribution.”