

Hungary; Oka for Japan; Sklifosoffski for Russia; (crocq for Belgium; Holmgren for Sweden; Bouchard for France; Looche for Norway; Gnarch for Uruguay; Lavista for Mexico; and Baccelli for Italy. Professor Baccelli again spoke in Latin. Virchow answered in some Latin words that he hoped they will meet each other at the "Capitol," like the Roman consuls. After these words of Virchow's, Baccelli embraced him, and they kissed each other. With this fraternal greeting, the meeting and the Congress came to an end.

#### ENTERTAINMENTS.

*Reception at the Town Hall.*—The feasts were on a scale which—to use a favourite and well-applied German phrase—was "colossal." In the evening of Tuesday, August 5th, there was a grand reception of the members of the Congress in the Town Hall by the City of Berlin in honour of the members of the Congress. The reception was a very great success. The rooms of the Town Hall, which are a masterpiece of architecture, were magnificently decorated and splendidly illuminated. At one table were remarked several illustrious personages of political and scientific life. The table was presided over by the Oberbürgermeister (Lord Mayor) von Forckenbeck, and among the Prussian State ministers von Boetticher, von Gossler, Herfurth, Mignel, the late President of the Reichstag, von Lewelow, etc., were present, with the ambassador of Austria-Hungary, Great Briatin, France, etc. Virchow, Lister, Bergmann, Billroth, Paget, Bouchard, etc., were also present. Between 10 and 11 o'clock in the evening the Oberbürgermeister gave the toast of the Emperor of Germany as the protector of science and peace, which was received by the German and foreign physicians with great applause. Then came several toasts to various illustrious members of the Congress; but the person who received the greatest ovation was undoubtedly Virchow, who was carried on his chair by some of his admirers high in air over the heads of those present, like an ancient Teutonic warrior on his shield, with enthusiastic cries of "Hoch! Virchow, hoch! Virchow." The professor endured the somewhat perilous honour, cigar in hand, with smiling good-humour. The same honour was paid to Billroth.

*The Congress Ball.*—The fourth day of the Congress, Thursday, the 7th, was again devoted to the meetings of the Sections, and in the evening the ball given by the Congress took place. Owing to the great number of guests, the "function" had to be divided, and it not only took place in the Central Hotel, whose rooms had been taken for this purpose, but also in four other places simultaneously, viz., the Hôtel Impérial, the Kaiserhof, the Philharmonic, and the Zoologisches Garten. Besides this, several excursions were arranged for this day.

*Reception at the Neues Palais.*—On Friday, the 8th, the reception of numerous members of the Congress in the Neues Palais at Potsdam took place. The Emperor was represented by Prince Friedrich Leopold. In the afternoon a great garden-concert was arranged in the Palace of Potsdam, at which the bands of the 1st Garde-Regiment, the Liebgarde-Infantry Regiment, and the Regiment of the Gardes du Corps discoursed most eloquent music. The invited guests were conveyed there and back by a special train and a special steamer. The number of those present amounted to about seven hundred, most of whom were foreign delegates. All the high dignitaries now in Berlin were present, among them the Imperial Chancellor, General v. Caprivi;

besides the Minister of the Exchequer, Dr. Mignel; the Minister of Public Instruction, Dr. v. Gossler, etc., etc. In the Muschelsaal of the Palace, the guests were grouped according to their nationalities, and were saluted by Prince Friedrich Leopold and his wife most cordially. Generalarzt Dr. v. Coler introduced the guests. The Gartenfest was a brilliant success.

*Dinner of the Surgical Society.*—The dinner of the surgeons at the Central Hotel, where nine hundred guests assembled, was the biggest of the sectional dinners. It was presided over by von Bergmann, and graced by the presence of Paget, Lister, Billroth, Le Fort, Péan, Bryant, the Duke Karl Theodor, Hamilton Washington, etc. The dinner card was accompanied by a Latin poetical monologue which began:—

Beatus ille qui procul chirurgicis,  
Securus inter epulas,  
Hilariter maxillis exerceat suis  
Quae mensa praebet munera:  
Non minus fascinatus symphoniacis,  
Jocose blandientibus,  
Quam thyrsos Bacchi raptus pampinifero,  
Solutus omnino opere.  
Neque excitatur osteogenesibus,  
Nec jam resecto stomacho,  
Neque intestino abhorret intussuscepto;  
Rectique vitat tenebras.

The verses then celebrate the merits of the gastronomic elements of the repast, and ends—

Tum caseo gavisus Liberum invoce,  
Spumantem Bacchem-Euhoe.  
Hac ubi locutus chirurgus Rubio,  
Jam jam futurus ganeo,  
Pasi caponis femur ipse resecano,  
Rationem novem cogitat.

When Lister was called on for a speech, a cry was at once raised by the Germans, "Lister auf den Tisch" (Lister on the table). It was taken up by one nationality after another until the whole hall was in an uproar, waving their napkins over their heads and standing on their chairs, but it was all without avail. Lister would not rise to the occasion with his feet, though in a few choice words he made everyone who could follow German understand how fully he appreciated the unique honour that had been bestowed on him. The musical programme was as cosmopolitan as the assembly, the composers being Wagner, Ambrose Thomas, Listz, Sullivan, Karpinski, Verdi, Rubenstein, Hartmann (Sweden), Kéler-Béla (Hungary), and Délibes. After the dinner toasting began. Professor v. Bergmann toasted the German Emperor in German language, while Professor Bardeleben saluted the foreign members in French, and mentioned his own studies in Paris, and enthusiastically acknowledged the merits of French science. Léon le Fort, in replying, concluded his speech with the words: "Je bois à la science qui réunit notre intelligence et à l'art qui réunit nos cœurs." Professor Trendelenburg, speaking in English, proposed the health of the honorary members of the "Deutsche Chirurgische Gesellschaft"—namely, Sir Joseph Lister, Sir James Paget, Theodor Billroth, and Ollier. The toast was drunk with much applause. The Duke Dr. Charles Theodor of Bavaria proposed the health of the President of the "Deutsche Chirurgische Gesellschaft"—Professor v. Bergmann.

*Court Reception.*—By command of the Emperor, a Reception and Garden Concert was given at Potsdam, at which Prince Leopold of Prussia, the Emperor's cousin, received the guests, attended by Count Caprivi, Court Marshal Count Eulenberg, Herr von Gossler (Minister of Education), and other high officials. Invitations were issued to 500 guests, selected from many of the leading-British delegates and members. At the reception, which