

tions was as large and varied in its character, as was the quality of the papers presented. Reference has already been made to several papers and their authors, but others of much interest were read before the different Sections. A marked feature of the address of the President, was the reference to the enemies of the Association. "At no period since the formation of the Association had its enemies been so bold so, reckless, and so unscrupulous in efforts to destroy its influence and power." He indicated that in its paternal aspect to other and smaller associations of the Union it had special duties and responsibilities laid upon it as the conservator "of all that pertained to the preservation and advancement of professional interests, as well as to medical science *per se*." To this end, for concentrating the energies and aims of the Association, he submitted a number of propositions for the establishment of district committees, to report on and to urge methods for creation of registrations of practitioners in the various States, and the elevation of the standards of medical colleges and for lessening their number. While in the first regard, we in Canada, may fairly consider ourselves advanced, in the latter regard, we have, like them, room for improvement. The references in the address were, perhaps, directed to the misunderstandings preceding the meeting of the Washington International of last year. They are not wholly forgotten, but the evidence that many of those who stood aloof last year, are willing to let by-gones be by-gones, was seen in their presence at the Cincinnati meeting, and their taking an active part in their proceedings. Further, there was an invitation presented by Dr. S. W. Gross, from the Philadelphia County Medical Society to the Association, to hold its next meeting in that city. Dr. Robert Bartholow's address in Medicine, was, to say the least, disappointing. He referred to abuses without creating any enthusiasm or suggesting seriously, methods for the removal of them. The address naturally, was along the line of therapeutics and some pertinent remarks regarding the physiological action of medicine and of electricity, were made.

The social side of the Association was, as usual, its most pleasant, if not most useful feature. An informal reception on the evening of the opening day at the Burnet House, made every one acquainted, while the final reception and soirée at the

Art Museum was a delightful affair, where the élite of Cincinnati entertained the visiting Association. Dr. W. W. Dawson, Cincinnati, is the president for the coming year, while most of the executive officers were re-elected. Next year's meeting is fixed for Newport, Rhode Island, while fortunate selections for the general addresses were made, that on General Medicine, being by Prof. William Pepper, Pennsylvania, that in Surgery, by P. S. Conner, of Ohio, and that in State Medicine by Dr. W. H. Welch, of Maryland.

#### International Conference of State and Provincial Boards.

This meeting, which might with propriety be called the cholera conference, originating as it did in 1884, when in St. Louis, the State Boards discussed cholera which was then at Toulon and Marseilles, and was expected to reach with certainty America the coming year, held its annual sessions in Cincinnati on May 4, 5, 6. There was a large number of delegates present being presided over by Dr. J. N. McCormack, of Bowling Green, Ky., while Dr. C. O. Probst, of Ohio, acted as secretary in the absence of Dr. Lindsley, Connecticut.

The following physicians were present at the first night's meeting:—Drs. John D. Jones, N. P. Dandridge, William Carson, of Cincinnati; H. S. Orme, California; R. S. Goodwin, Connecticut; J. H. Rauch, Illinois; S. R. Searight, W. A. Fritsch, S. S. Roots, J. M. Taylor, Indiana; Pinckney Thompson, Kentucky; J. N. McCormack, Kentucky; R. W. Llewelyn, Iowa; H. S. Schenk, Kansas; Welch, Kansas; H. B. Baker, Michigan; C. N. Hewitt, Minnesota; C. O. Probst, Ohio; Benjamin Lee, Philadelphia; David Engelman, Pennsylvania; James Evans, South Carolina; J. T. Reeve, Wisconsin; B. O. Reynolds, Wisconsin, and P. H. Bryce, Province of Ontario, Canada.

Dr. McCormack, the president of the Association, read his brief annual address, the particular point of which lay in the stress with which he mentioned the fact, so well known east, that the quarantine facilities of New York are totally inadequate to the demands of the service. The topic for the evening's discussion was then read. It was: "Duties of the Conference in urging the erection of isolated hospitals for infectious diseases, as a more economical and effective method than placarding houses and quarantining diseased families."