

on the Shasta route the road passes Castle Crag 'Tavern', winding around the base of Mount Shasta, whose summit is 14,144 feet high, and clad in eternal snows.

Colton and Riverside, the first important points reached on the Sunset route, are already far-famed for their delicious fruits and extensive orange groves which line the streets and highways for many miles.

Drs. M. F. Price and K. D. Shugart of the local committee on reception will take delight in showing them to visitors.

From here to San Diego and Coronado it is only four hours ride. They are located upon the bay in the extreme southwestern part of the State, only four miles from the Mexican border. This is now a fashionable all-the-year-round resort with one of the largest and best equipped hotels in the world, its main dining room having a capacity for a thousand guests.

Facilities for bathing and boating in the sheltered waters of the bay are unexcelled.

Drs. C. M. Fenn, W. A. Edwards and C. C. Valle of the local committee will extend every courtesy to visiting members.

Los Angeles, the chief city in the South, too well known to need any description here, is only five hours distant on the way north. Here Drs. H. Bert Ellis, H. S. Orme, Walter Lindley, Jos. Kurtz, J. P. Widney and W. L. Wills of the committee on reception will be delighted to show visitors the city and its suburbs, Pasadena, Santa Monica and other points of interest.

Santa Barbara, another charming resort by the sea, famous for its adjacent olive groves, in which it rivals Palestine, is only three hours ride from Los Angeles. Here Drs. S. B. P. Knox, J. M. McNulty and R. J. Hall of the local committee will do the honors of the occasion.

Leaving Santa Barbara by rail, the next point of interest will be Bakersfield, where an extensive system of irrigation has transformed a desert into a veritable garden of Eden.

Then comes Fresno, the largest and most successful vineyard district in the State, where Drs. Chester, Rowell and A. J. Pedlar of the local committee will pay every attention to visitors.

It is only seven hours ride from here to San Francisco, where the members of the reception committee will meet the visitors and escort them to their respective hotels. Those who come in over the northern routes, via Mount Shasta, Castle Crag's Tavern, Soda Springs, Chico, and the State Capitol at Sacramento, may desire to depart by the Santa Fe or Sunset routes.

R. H. PLUMMER,

*Chairman.*

## ELEVENTH INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS.

We are sorry to learn from letters received from physicians from America and England who have attended the Congress that it was sadly mismanaged. In order to obtain a hearing at all, the American physicians had to organize a committee, but even then they were unable to obtain any information about anything. The programmes were unreliable, there being several editions and each one different. The secretary of the American section describes its meeting simply as chaos added to confusion. Among those present we notice the names of Dr. A. A. Brown, F. Shepherd and F. Cornu of Montreal, and Drs. Aniley, Tobin and Kitchen of Halifax. It is stated that the maps were full of gross errors, and that Italians, who were stationed around in profusion to give information, would tell nothing without a "tip," and even then they knew very little. This was a great contrast to the ninth Congress held in Washington and the tenth held in Berlin, at both of which the arrangements were nearly perfect. We are sorry to see that the place fixed upon for the next meeting is Russia, as we fear very few will trust their lives in that barbarous country. Vienna or even Montreal would be a much more acceptable and more accessible place.

## MONTREAL MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY.

*Stated Meeting, December 1st, 1893.*

JAMES BELL, M.D., PRESIDENT, IN THE CHAIR.

*Insular Sclerosis.*—Dr. JAMES STEWART exhibited a boy and a girl, the subjects of insular sclerosis.

*Discussion.*—Dr. SMITH asked if there was any family history of syphilis, which might explain both the sclerosis and optic atrophy.

Dr. BELL asked if the disease usually occurred in families.

Dr. STEWART, in reply, said that there was no history of syphilis obtainable. Syphilis, as far as we know, has no connection with insular sclerosis. White atrophy of the optic nerve is simply a wasting of the axis cylinder and not like atrophy following inflammation. Only two instances are recorded where two brothers were affected with insular sclerosis.

*Ureter vs. Appendix.*—Dr. SMITH exhibited the patient from whom he had removed last spring what was thought at the time to be the ureter, but which proved to be the appendix vermiformis. The patient was in perfect health, whatever had or had not been removed.

*Reform in Coroner Law.*—Dr. GIRDWOOD presented the report of the special committee appointed to consider this subject. The com-