

yesterday: the conviction that surely never before had a richer life been lived than Virchow's, the joy and gladness that on the evening of such a life the achievements of this unique man are universally acknowledged without a single dissentient voice being heard, the thankfulness that such a man should have been spared to the world in such astonishing vigor of mind and body as this 'Grand Old Man of Science.' For to begin with the last-named fact, surely it was astonishing that in the morning this octogenarian should have on the eve of his eightieth birthday treated the audience, which he had invited to his pathological museum, the pride and the joy of his old age, to a wonderful retrospect of the past, and a sketch of the future of pathology, made a speech of one and a half hours' duration, a speech made without notes, should have sat through and have made at a two hours' dinner in the evening one of the most felicitous and humorous dinner speeches ever heard, and should after this have listened and replied—standing almost the whole time—to speech-making, which lasted from 9.30 to 12.30 p.m., without any interruption, saying a kind word or two to almost everybody who had come to do him honor."

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### CONGRESS OF NURSES.

A congress of nurses was held in Buffalo during the week ending September 21st. It is said to have been the largest gathering of nurses ever known in the world. This is the third world's congress of nurses, the first having been held in Chicago during the World's Fair in 1893, and the second in England in 1899. One hundred and two separate nurses' organizations were represented at the Buffalo meeting, with memberships totalling something like fifteen thousand. Two meetings were held daily, morning and afternoon, and among the subjects discussed were the following: Hospital Administration, The Three-year Course, Nursing of the Insane, Army Nursing, Women on Hospital Boards, Tenement-house Inspectors, and Preparatory Instruction of Nurses. Miss M. A. Sniveley, Superintendent of the Training School for nurses, Toronto General Hospital, was one of the Vice-Presidents of the Congress. Apart from the admirable and interesting work done at the various sessions the visiting members were entertained most generously by the women of Buffalo.