

Editorial Notes

NOTES ON THE INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS

Twenty-eight nationalities represented.

Seven thousand five hundred medical men present.

II. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught.—May I remind you that although the Congress is meeting in London, it is not England alone which is the host. Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and India are represented on the various committees together with Englishmen. (Cheers.) So it is really the Empire and not the United Kingdom which is giving this Congress, thereby forging another link in the Imperial ideal. (Cheers.)

Sir Edward Grey: Science is, in the true sense of the word, international. . . . In regard to the science of medicine and surgery, we all have an individual interest in your work to an extent that hardly exists in the case of any other science. . . . To your science we have learnt to look for something that comes home to all of us individually still more. To your science we have learnt to look for the relief of suffering, which takes from life one of its greatest terrors. . . . As regards the science of medicine and surgery I do claim that the public is teachable and not only well-disposed but grateful.

Sir Thomas Barlow, President: It is impossible even to enumerate the varied ways in which medicine has co-operated with economics, social legislation and philanthropy, which we sum up briefly as public health. The school house and the scholars, the home of the poor, the colliery and factory, the dangerous occupations, the sunless life of the mentally deficient have benefited, and will benefit still more, by its friendly invasion. And I venture to foretell that not many years hence every department of life and work shall be strengthened and purified and brightened by its genial and penetrating influence. . . . Every day we gain fresh help from the auxiliary sciences, and we realize more and more the unity and the universality of medicine.

The institution of a Medico-Legal Senate in Great Britain as exists in Hungary to replace the present "expert" opinion was again discussed in the section of Forensic Medicine. Dr. M.