

worthy of the occasion and of the audience. A thrill of pride must have filled the breast of every Englishman present at the thought of having, as the representative of the nation, such a gifted man.

At the subsequent general meetings, addresses were delivered by Professor Virchow "On the value of Pathological Experiment"; "On Scepticism in Medicine," prepared by the late Prof. Reynaud, and read by Dr. Féréal; "On Medical Literature," by Dr. Billings of Washington; "On the connection of the Biological Sciences with Medicine," by Prof. Huxley, and a special one, at the request of the President, by Prof. Pasteur, dealing with the recent experiments in Animal Vaccination as a protective against certain scourges among cattle. To very many, one of the most pleasant features of the gathering was the opportunity it afforded of seeing Professor Virchow, than whom, since John Hunter, no greater name has arisen in our ranks. His extraordinary reputation as a pathologist, and the prominence of his position as a politician in his own country, made all men curious to see him. His address was most characteristic, and his arguments in favour of vivisection were most appropriate, and will, it is to be hoped, do something to lessen the fanatical outcry against its legitimate practice, which has disgraced England during the past few years. It was only natural that Prof. Huxley, who began life as an assistant surgeon in the navy, and who has, in many ways and many works, shown his continued interest in the profession, should discourse in his most lucid style on the relations of Biology to Medicine.

For working purposes the congress divided into fifteen sections, the meetings of which took place in the rooms of the various learned societies at Burlington House and of London University, and one or two other contiguous institutions. Addresses were delivered by the presidents of sections at the first meeting, after which the reading and discussion of papers followed in regular order. The committee had prepared a volume of abstracts of papers to be read, printed in English, French and German, which was ready on the first day, and greatly facilitated the working of the sections. With so much of interest in every section, it