

and Dr. Fraser of London, declined nomination.

The medical council meet simultaneously. It is expected they will take the opportunity of being present during the afternoons of the Association meeting.

The guests of the Association this year are : Drs. Wyeth, Leonard Corning, G. W. Fox, C. C. Rice, of New York ; A. W. Johnston, Danville, Kentucky, and Dr. Tremaine, Buffalo. Our Montreal conferees are always welcome. Several are expected, among them Drs. Ross, Cameron, Sheppard, and Gardner. Sir James Grant, Ottawa, and Hon. M. Sullivan, Kingston, intend to be present. Already twenty-eight subjects are to be discussed, and there will be little time for anything but good, solid, honest work. Where are the gynæcologists, this is evidently a surgery year.

#### Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association

(BY OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

This, the thirty-ninth meeting of the Association, was held in Cincinnati, beginning on the 8th of May, and its sessions continued throughout the week. Wide as is the area of the United States, it is not too wide to prevent some six hundred physicians, representing every State in the union, from meeting together and holding council, and on which questions relating to the advancement of medical science and the elevation of the status of the profession were seriously discussed. As with all American associations, one was especially struck with the bigness of the meeting, and perhaps more by this than by the high standing, as a whole, of the physicians who were gathered together. With the polished eastern men represented by those from Philadelphia and Washington, were many from the younger and proverbially aggressive west, to which, in very considerable numbers, were added Kentuckians, and Carolinians, with a gentlemanly dignity, in keeping with their whole antecedents. Amongst the more prominent members of the profession present, were such men as E. M. Moore, of Rochester, who delivered the admirable address on "Surgery," A. M. P. Garnett, of Washington, the President, who delivered the Annual Address, and spoke of the special mission of the Association, Pepper of Philadelphia, who addressed the Section on Medicine on the diagnosis of

diseases of the stomach, A. M. Davis, of Chicago, the Nestor of the Association, who occupied half an hour criticizing Whittaker's, of Cincinnati, paper on "Pneumonia," and who exhibited a western vigor and practical sense, which did credit to his years. Ochterlony, of Louisville, figured prominently in the discussions on general medicine, while Shattuck, of Boston, assuming an attitude indicative of American freedom rather than Boston repose of manner, spoke admirably in the discussion on Prof. Pepper's paper. It were perhaps injudicious to single out from the many present any one for special mention, but it is impossible to omit the reference to a notable man, Dr. Battey of Rome, Georgia, who interested more than any other, our correspondent. Battey's operation had long been familiar to him, but to see the man who had dared the operation before the years of antiseptic surgery, was a pleasure as rare as it was unexpected. Above the common height, slightly stooped, with a somewhat thin and closely curling beard surrounding a face, rather sallow and worn but filled with kindly benevolence and marked lines of deep thought, Dr. Battey, with a long, opening coat like a summer serge, appeared perhaps more like a simple unaffected parson than an illustrious surgeon and gynæcologist, who had studied in European hospitals thirty years ago, and who could claim the friendship of Simpson, Ferguson, and Wells. In his Southern home in his private hospital, Battey still continues his beneficent work, and if less ostentatious in publishing his successes than are others who have come later, he labors with a perhaps more conscientious solicitude to elucidate the mysterious influences which make his operations often a necessity, while too frequently rendering their apparently good results, delusive.

Other names, less well known, may be mentioned, as those of Dr. Dawson, of Cincinnati, the president elect, and Dr. Harvey, of Indianapolis, the genial and whole-souled leader of medical opinion in his city, and a brilliant operator. Amongst the representatives in the State Medicine Section, were such men as Rauch, of Illinois, J. B. Hamilton, of Washington; Walcott, of Boston, Baker; of Michigan, Benjamin Lee, of Philadelphia; Orme, of California, who had been in attendance at the Inter-State Conference of Executive officers of Health. The work laid out for the various Sec-