

pose, either as regards space, acoustic properties, and especially ventilation, which it appears was as bad as could be. This was the more remarked upon, as hygiene is the great forte of German medicine; and it was rather paradoxical to be listening to long treatises on ventilation while one was being suffocated for the want of air.

Virchow was the President, and seems to have given satisfaction, although very few could hear what he said.

Lassar was the general secretary, and from all accounts he seems to have been unable to handle the enormous amount of work which the organization of such a meeting entailed.

Among other things of interest, the drill of the Berlin Fire Brigade was to take place at 8 o'clock on a certain morning, and no physicians present to witness it, although the men were kept awaiting the doctors' arrival until 11 o'clock,—owing to the general secretary having forgotten to announce it. One of the principal objects attained by the meeting was the bringing together of so many members of the profession, which we feel sure does more than any thing else to strengthen it. If there were more social meetings of medical men in every locality, a general improvement in their feelings towards each other would soon be manifested. Several of the English-speaking members were disappointed at their papers not being listened to by the meeting in general. But this might be expected when we consider that over three thousand of those present were German, or from German speaking countries. We would recommend any one attending Congresses in future, intending to read papers, to be particular to read them in the language of the country in which the Congress is held; the next one being convened for 1893 in Rome. The same complaint was made by the Germans and French at the last Congress held in Washington. On the whole, however, we may consider the Tenth International Congress of Berlin a grand success.

## BOOK NOTICES.

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