

INTERNATIONAL GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS.—1897.

We have just received the propectus for the Seventh Session of the *International Geological Congress* to be held in St. Petersburg during the summer of 1897. His Imperial Highness, Mgr. the Grand Duke Constantin Constantinovitch, President of the Imperial Academy of Sciences, has accepted the position of Hon. chairman of the reception committee and Mons. A. Karpinsky, Director of the Geological Survey, that of President. Amongst other well-known celebrities are:—MM. N. Audrousow, V. Moeller, Nikitin, Romanovsky, Fr. Schmidt, Baron E. Toll, Th. Tschernyschew and Von. C. Vogt of St. Petersburg, V. Amalitsky of Varosvia, D. Anoutschin, E. Fédorow, A. P. Pavlow, and V. Sokolow in Moscow, besides J. Sederholm and A. Tigerstedt of Helsinfors.

SUPPOSED PRE-CAMBRIAN ORGANISMS.—In a very brief editorial comment,* quite a number of so-called species of organic remains from rocks of “pre-Taconic” or pre-Cambrian age have been wiped off the palæontological slate as if with a sponge. We prefer to await the result of more extended researches, more careful and more critical study in the field and in microscopy, biological and petrographical, before making such a clean sweep. Certain it is that there must be somewhere in some rock formation of the globe, some organisms older than what are to-day the oldest known Cambrian fossils, all of which will serve to throw light on what are now doubtful forms.

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