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*To the Editor of THE CANADA MEDICAL & SURGICAL JOURNAL.*

SIR,—The seventh session of this body concluded last evening by an informal dinner at the Crystal Palace. The majority of your readers have no doubt already been made acquainted with many of the details through the lay press, but, according to promise, I proceed to jot down a brief account of the proceedings, which extended from the 2nd to the 9th.

Six general meetings were held in St. James's Hall, at which addresses were delivered and the business of congress was transacted. The immense assemblies which gathered on these occasions were very impressive, and the scene at the inaugural meeting was one to be ever remembered "while memory holds a seat." The sight of above 3,000 medical men from all parts of the world, drawn together for one common purpose, and animated by one spirit, quickened the pulse and roused enthusiasm to a high pitch. The presence of the Prince of Wales and Crown Prince of Prussia gave great satisfaction, and added a flavour of Royal patronage which even science—republican though it be—seemed thoroughly to enjoy. The address of the President, Sir James Paget, was the event of the meeting, and surprised even those well acquainted with his brilliant oratorical powers. Beautiful thoughts, clothed in the choicest words, and expressed with an ease and grace peculiarly his own, marked each period, and at the close all felt that they had listened to an oration