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THE MUSEUM AT THE SEVENTEENTH INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONGRESS, 1913

A committee, with Prof. A. Keith, of the Royal College of Surgeons, as chairman, has been formed for the purpose of organizing a museum in connection with the Seventeenth International Congress of Medicine, London, 1913. The arrangements have been entrusted entirely to this committee, and it has been invested with the power of acceptance or refusal of any offered exhibit.

It has been recognized that the collection of material illustrative of recent advances in medical science in one centre possesses obvious advantages over the plan of leaving each section to collect and house the specimens and other material required by the readers of papers for their communications, separately. A central museum offers to a large number of members of the Congress an opportunity of studying these advances from the available material, and this study is enhanced by the co-ordination of the various departments.

The committee has drawn up regulations which shall govern the museum and is following a plan of procedure. The museum will consist of exhibits illustrating the subjects which will be discussed in the various sections and such other material as the committee may deem of interest or importance. The specimens will embrace the scientific side of medicine, to the exclusion of a commercial element. Excellent accommodation has been secured for the purpose at the Imperial College of Science, South Kensington, and the museum will be arranged in this place as far as is possible in correspondence with the sections of the Congress. The co-operation of the officers of each section has been obtained, in order that the collections may be worthy of the occasion. It has further been decided that inasmuch as the meeting is to take place in London, and as the visitors will doubtless desire to inspect the metropolitan hospitals and other great institutions, material will not be collected from the museums of the metropolis. The committee is, therefore, seeking exhibits from provincial and foreign institutions and from private collections.

Medical practitioners and scientists who are willing to place at the disposal of the committee material illustrative of recent