

CONGRESS OF SPECIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

A meeting of representatives from all the special associations in the United States was held at Washington on the 24th September last, when the project of holding a conjoint congress at stated intervals was fully discussed. The following resolutions were adopted:—

1. That it is desirable that the following Societies—

The American Surgical Association,
 The American Ophthalmological Association,
 The American Otological Association,
 The American Neurological Association,
 The American Laryngological Association,
 The American Gynæcological Association,
 The American Dermatological Association,
 The American Climatological Association, and
 The Association of American Physicians and Pathologists,

shall arrange for a conjoint meeting in the city of Washington, in the month of September, 1888, and subsequently at intervals of three years at the same time and place.

2. That this arrangement shall not interfere in any way with the autonomy of each special Society; and that each Society shall retain the right to withdraw at any time from this conjoint scheme.

3. That the special feature of the meeting shall be the conjoint assemblage of the special Societies on two evenings during the session; on one of which there shall be an address delivered by the president of the conjoint meeting, and on the other there shall be communications by a referee and a co-referee on some subject of general professional interest.

4. That each special Society approving this report is invited to appoint one representative (with an alternate), and that the representative so appointed shall constitute an Executive Committee to serve for one year, with power to elect such officers for the first conjoint meeting as may be deemed necessary, to prepare a programme for said meeting, to make all other necessary arrangements, and to prepare and submit a plan of organization for future meetings.

5. That all expenses connected with the conjoint sessions shall be apportioned equally by the Executive Committee among the special Societies participating.

Obituary.

—We deeply regret to have to announce the death of Dr. John H. Christie of Chicago, eldest son of Dr. Thomas Christie, Lachate. Dr. Christie, who was a graduate of McGill University, has occupied a prominent position in his profession in the city of his adoption.

—Mr. S. S. Gamgee of Birmingham died suddenly on the 18th ult. He was in his 59th year, having been born at Florence in 1828. In 1857 he was elected to the post of honorary surgeon to the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, a position which he