

battle for his favorite theory. In the Obstetrical Section, Dr. Barnes, of London, England, occupied the chair. He is a thorough Englishman in appearance—rather under-sized, with an open, pleasant face, and is a plain, pointed and honest speaker. More than once he saved his Section from committing serious blunders—of endorsing too dogmatically conclusions arrived at by the readers of papers. His opinions carried, as a rule, the Section with him. This Section, perhaps, embraced as many, if not more, able men than any other Section—here was constantly to be seen and heard such men as Professor Simpson, of Edinburgh, Dr. Dunlop of the same place, the two Atlees of Philadelphia, Hodge, Byford, and Fordyce Barker, Canada, was well represented by the venerable Dr. Hodder of Toronto, Dr. Thorburn of the same place, and by Dr. Trenholme of Montreal, the latter gentleman reading a most interesting paper. The attendance of some twenty-seven ladies, students of the Women's College of Philadelphia, in the section was a novelty which, we confess, we failed to appreciate. We gave our seat once to a lady dressed in the height of fashion, with a perfume equal to that to be found in Rimmel's store in the Strand of London, who unblushingly listened to discussions which almost made us blush for her. The Medical section we were only able to visit once, but perhaps it was, in the matter of able debaters, equal, to say the least, to any other section. Dr. R. Palmer Howard, of Montreal, was in close attendance on this section, once occupied the chair, and read a paper on Progressive Pernicious Anemia. Dr. N. S. Davis, of Chicago, took an active part in this section, and generally on the right side. There is no more active worker in the United States than Dr. Davis, who wears well, looking as viry as when we first met him eight years ago at Toronto, attending a meeting of our Canadian Association. The other sections were moderately well attended, and interesting papers were read, but as already mentioned, the interest of the Congress was centered in the surgical, medical and obstetrical. The work of the various sections closed on Friday evening, the 8th of September, and on the morning of the 9th, the Congress met in general session for the last time. It was a time of pleasant interchange of compliments, in which the

representatives from Great Britain and from Canada took a prominent part. Dr. Hare, delegate from the London Medical Society, and Dr. Brudenell Carter, ophthalmic surgeon to St. George's Hospital, London, were the spokesmen for the British representatives; Dr. Grant, M.P., of Ottawa, in a neat speech spoke upon behalf of the delegates from Canada, and presented a series of complimentary resolutions which had been adopted by the Canadians in attendance on the Congress. Shortly after noon the Congress adjourned, thus terminating what was perhaps the most remarkable gathering of medical men which has ever been held.

We have thus given an idea, we trust, of how the Congress performed its work, but as all work and no play is not a good thing, there was arranged a number of very pleasant entertainments. On the night of the first day of the Congress a reception was given the delegates by the profession of Philadelphia at the Judges' Hall on the Exhibition grounds. It was very largely attended, and was a pleasant way for the delegates to become acquainted. It was brought to a conclusion by a supper in the American Restaurant, Exhibition grounds. On Tuesday evening elegant receptions were held at the houses of Drs. Wilson and Strowbridge, and on Thursday evening the well-known publishers Henry C. Lea and J. P. Lippincott held similar entertainments. On Friday evening the grand dinner of the Congress was held, at which over two hundred were present.

Among the distinguished foreigners who were present may be mentioned:—

Mr. William Adams, President of the Medical Society of London; Dr. Robert Barnes, Obstetric Physician to St. George's Hospital, London; Dr. Gregorio Barroeta, San Luis Potosi, Mexico; Dr. T. Lauder Brunton, London, editor of *The Practitioner*; Mr. R. Brudenell Carter, Ophthalmic Surgeon to St. George's Hospital, London; Mr. Richard Davy, Hon. Sec. of Medical Society of London; Dr. Pierre Debaisieux, Prof. in University of Louvain; S. Engelsted, M.D., Physician in Chief of Copenhagen Hospital; J. A. Estlander, of Helsingfors, Finland; Dr. M. W. C. Gori, of Amsterdam; Edmund Hansen, M.D., President of Medical Society of Copenhagen; Prof. Johan Hjort, of Christiania, Norway; Dr. R. F. Hudson, of Ballarat, Australia; Prof. Hueter of Griefs-