

seventh in London, 1881; the eighth in Copenhagen, 1884; the ninth in Washington, 1887; the tenth in Berlin, 1890; the eleventh in Rome, 1894.

Of these, probably the most notable were the London and Berlin meetings. The London Congress had in attendance over three thousand members, including one thousand foreigners, and had as its president the eloquent and brilliant Sir James Paget. Professor Virchow and M. Pasteur delivered admirable addresses, and were received with an enthusiasm which was almost marvellous for cold, hard-headed Britishers. The Berlin Congress of 1890 was a gigantic, rather unwieldy, but highly successful affair. It is said that Professor Virchow, in the delivery of his presidential address, had an audience of 7,000 persons.

We have had one congress in America—held in Washington, 1887. A number of prominent American physicians extended a very cordial invitation to the members at the Copenhagen meeting, 1884, to come to the United States. The invitation was gladly accepted, and the Americans immediately went to work to organize a committee to make the necessary arrangements. This committee, although composed of able and representative men, was not acceptable to the American Medical Association. There were too many chosen from the eastern cities; there were too few from the “rural districts” and the “woolly west.” The “self-appointed” committee was unceremoniously snuffed out; a new “geographical” committee was appointed; a reorganization was effected. A fierce war raged between the two hostile camps, and many of the ablest American physicians would have nothing to do with the congress. The old world looked on in wonder and surprise—and mostly stayed at home. The misunderstanding which caused the trouble was most unfortunate. United America would have furnished a grand congress; divided America did as well as could be expected under the circumstances. The geographical committee worked with considerable zeal, and completed all the arrangements in a most satisfactory manner; and the comparatively few foreigners who attended were much gratified with the treatment they received.

THE DOMINION MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

WE learn from the secretary, Dr. Starr, of Toronto, that the officers of the Dominion Medical Association are busily engaged in arranging for the next meeting, which will be held in St. John, N.B., in the month of September. It happens that there will be three important meetings of medical associations held in St. John during this year, namely, those of the Canadian Medical Association, the Maritime Medical Association, and the