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EDITORIAL.

**THE SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL OTOLOGICAL CONGRESS.**

THE Seventh International Congress of Otology was held from August 1 to 4 at Bordeaux. The historic city chosen for the *venue*, the munificence of the hospitality accorded to its members, without mentioning the intense heat and the *grands vins de Bordeaux*, will make the meeting ever memorable to those who took part therein.

Although scarcely as international in character as when the sixth meeting was held in London in 1899, the attendance was, nevertheless, a large one; and the President, Dr. Moure (of Bordeaux), whose princely hospitality was a prominent feature of the Congress, with the secretary-general, Dr. Lermoyez (of Paris), and the treasurer, Dr. Lannois (of Lyons), are to be warmly congratulated upon the excellence of their arrangements.

British otology was represented by Professor Urban Pritchard, (ex-president), Drs. Dundas Grant and Chichele Nourse, Messrs. Cresswell Baber and Macleod Yearsley (of London), Sir William Macewen (of Glasgow), and Dr. Henry Smurthwaite (of Newcastle-on-Tyne). Addresses and papers were contributed to the programme by Professor Pritchard, Dr. Dundas Grant, and Mr. Macleod Yearsley.

The greater number of members reached Bordeaux on Sunday, July 31st, in time to take part in the preliminary reception held by M. Pitres, *doyen* of the Faculty of Medicine, at the fine hall of the

Faculty. This reception proved a great success, and opened the Congress in a most auspicious manner.

On Monday, August 1st, the opening meeting took place in the presence of the Mayor of Bordeaux and M. Pitres. Dr. Moure, in his address, offered the Congress a cordial welcome. He said that the town of Bordeaux was not only happy to see so many foreign otologists, but that it was especially fitted to receive them because it was the only town in France which offered an official chair to otology. After paying tribute to those aurists who had passed away since the last Congress—Delstanche, Grulet, Schwann, Sécrotan, Gouguenheim, Landreit de la Charrière, and Miot, Dr. Moure gave a rapid sketch of the history of French otology, which began in 1683 with the work of Du Verney. Its activity during the last century had brought it to a position of equality with every other special branch of medicine and surgery.

Professor Urban Pritchard, the retiring President, then followed with a valedictory address, which will be found on page 452 of this issue.

Dr. Lermoyez, the Secretary-General, spoke next. It would be remembered that in 1899 it was announced that the Government of the French Republic had accepted the patronage of the Congress, and he now read a letter from the Minister of Public Instruction apologising for his unavoidable absence on account of important business, and expressing great interest in the Congress. Dr. Lermoyez then read the following names as the official delegates from the various countries represented: Professor Politzer (Austro-Hungary), MM. Brockaert and Delsaux (Belgium), Señor Forns (Spain), and Messrs. Hinkle and Richardson (United States). He then proposed cordial votes of thanks to the town of Bordeaux for its expressions of welcome, and to the University for its courtesy in allowing the use of the Hall of the Faculty of Medicine for the meetings.

The following officers were then elected unanimously: President, Dr. Moure; Secretary, Dr. Lermoyez; Treasurer, Dr. Lannois; Vice-presidents, Drs. Brieger (Germany), Knapp (United States), Pritchard (England), Capart (Belgium), Cisneros (Spain), Gradenigo (Italy), Politzer (Austro-Hungary), von Stein (Russia), and Schmiegelow (Denmark); Secretaries, Messrs. Faure, Neumann, Quix, Bobone, Macleod Yearsley, Barkan, and Forns.

It was finally announced that the Committee of Organisation had decided, by eighteen to eleven votes, that the next Congress should be held in 1908 at Buda-Pesth, under the presidency of Professor Böke.

During the afternoon the work of the Congress was proceeded with, some twenty communications being read, and at five o'clock the Mayor of Bordeaux gave a brilliant reception at the Hôtel de Ville, the beautiful picture galleries and apartments of which were thrown open to the Congress.

On August 2 a discussion was opened by Drs. Politzer, Delsaux, and Gradenigo, on the choice of a simple and practical acoumetric formula. This was followed by various communications until two o'clock. The afternoon was spent in a most interesting archaeological excursion to St. Émilion. The party examined the unique underground church, the ruined Cloître des Cordeliers and their caves, the bell foundry, and other interesting features of this beautiful old French town, after which they were entertained at a banquet by the United Syndicates of Wine Merchants and Vineyard Proprietors of the Gironde.

The morning of August 3 was occupied by the discussion upon the diagnosis and treatment of labyrinthine suppuration, opened by Drs. Brieger, von Stein, and Dundas Grant. Despite the intense heat, this, with other communications, occupied the greater part of the day, until the whole Congress departed for Carbon Blanc, the beautiful country residence of the President. Dr. Moure and his charming partner, Madame Moure, received the guests upon the lawn under the shade of enormous magnolia trees in full blossom; and later, in illuminated grounds which would put to shame the best transformation scene ever devised, a banquet took place which fully justified the reputation of Bordeaux as the home of the best cooking in France.

Drs. Knapp, Schmiegelow, and Botey opened a discussion upon the technique of the opening and subsequent treatment of otogenetic cerebral abscess on August 4, and until five o'clock certain remaining communications occupied the attention of the Congress. At five o'clock the closing ceremonies took place, when speeches were made by Professor Pritchard, Drs. Dench, Gradenigo, von Stein, and others, on behalf of their respective countries.

On the motion of Mr. Cresswell Baber, it was proposed to hold the Congress triennially, instead of every four years, but, after some discussion, the proposition was lost by 29 votes to 35.

In the evening the final banquet was given at the Villa Biarritz, Caudéran, by the Committee of Organisation, in conjunction with the French Otolological Society.

The morning of August 5 found such members as remained in Bordeaux embarking in a steamer for Pauillac, in the Médoc country. Here a lunch was given, after which the various châteaux

were visited, including Château Lafite and Château Mouton Rothschild.

Excursions to Caunterets and Bagnères-de-Luchon were organised for August 6, 7, and 9, but these were but sparsely attended.

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ADDRESS DELIVERED BY THE RETIRING PRESIDENT,  
PROFESSOR URBAN PRITCHARD, M.D.

MONSIEUR LE PRÉSIDENT, Messieurs et Confrères,—Permettez-moi, d'abord, de vous féliciter d'être ici, en France, un pays qui a toujours tenu une position de premier rang dans le monde scientifique.

C'est à la France que nous devons le Docteur Ménière, qui nous a appris, par ses recherches fameuses, à discriminer le Vertige aurale, des maladies de cerveau—d'un coté—et des maladies des organes de digestion, de l'autre, une découverte si importante, si bien reconnue, que le nom de Vertige de Ménière est maintenant adopté pour designer cette condition, dans tout le monde scientifique.

C'est aussi la France qui nous rappelle le nom de Löwenberg. C'est lui, qui, après Meyer de Copenhagen, fut un des premiers de nous démontrer le rôle importante que jouent les végétations adénoïdes dans les maladies de l'oreille; et qui nous a indiqué un des meilleurs méthodes de traitement.

Et combien d'autres ne pourrais-je pas nommer d'Otologistes français, que notre visite ici doit nous rappeler, qui, par leurs travaux, ont rendu des services, non seulement nationales, mais internationales! Mais je me contenterai de vous signaler le nom de Docteur Moure, l'otologiste éminent de ce cité de Bordeaux, qui va occuper, tout de suite, la position honorable du Président de notre septième Congrès Internationale.

And now, gentlemen, I must ask your permission to continue in my own language.

These international congresses constitute, as it were, a series of landmarks in the path of our science; and therefore we may well ask ourselves to-day, What progress has been made in otology during the last five years?

Well, you will remember, gentlemen, that at our meeting in London an earnest hope was expressed that an important advance