

every way calculated to do honour to the profession, and to ably represent his fellow-citizens.

The toast having been duly honoured, Professor HINGSTON, in reply, said he was deeply sensible of the honour of having his name associated with so important a toast, and of the kind and graceful way in which Mr. Hart had proposed it. The rising of the Branches in Canada seemed to have been only the work of a moment, and it was mainly the work of one man. Mr. Hart came to them from the Pacific coast. He sent letters in advance all over the country. The profession everywhere assembled to receive him, and Branches were created in all the important towns of Canada. They were formed as quick as beacon fires on Welsh or Scotch hills in times past. They all in Canada desired to be in closer touch with the parent Association. For himself, he was under a deep debt of obligation to the Association for the honour they had done him in asking him to give an address before it. Six years ago he had come to this country, and at Brighton very quietly took his place, and at the end of the meeting Sir Walter Foster moved that the rules be suspended in order that he (Professor Hingston) might be created an honorary member of the Association, and from that moment to the present he had met with the most genial kindness. The recollection of the cordiality with which he had been received in Nottingham would never fade from his memory, and if he could convey to his professional brethren in Canada a little of what he felt he knew he should be doing them and the Association no harm. He felt that night a little in a prophetic vein. Six years ago the British Association for the Advancement of Science did Canada and Montreal the honour of coming to hold their meeting there, and he trusted that at no very distant date the British Medical Association would see their way to paying Canada a visit. They would there find a heterogeneous population—French, English, Scotch, and Irish—but amongst them all an intense love of British institutions and a very deep attachment to Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria; and if the Association could do them the honour he suggested he could assure for the members a most cordial and hearty welcome.

Dr. HANDFORD, proposing "Our Guests," said that it was with peculiar pleasure he desired to give that toast. Without the generous aid and cordial co-operation of the municipal authorities of the borough, together with the professors of University College, it was no exaggeration to say that the British Medical Association could not have held its annual meetings in Nottingham, or indeed, within the limits of the Midland Branch. The Mayor had already spoken of how willingly that help had been rendered. They were all pleased to see in their town so many representatives of the Colonial Branches, and Professor Hingston had most eloquently spoken of the closeness of the tie that bound them to the parent Association. They had endeavoured, and he hoped not unsuccessfully, to show them that medicine knew no limits of nations or of empires, and that British hospitality was not confined by race or country. They were also pleased to see so many representatives of the great medical schools of France, Germany, Austria, and Italy, of the East and of the West, of the Old World and the New, and North and South, and he had great pleasure in asking them to drink to the health of the guests, coupling with the toast the names of Professor Gruber, of Vienna, and Professor Semmola, of Naples.

Professor GRUBER, in response, alluded to the esteem in which the work of the members of the British Medical Association was held abroad and thanked the Association for the great hospitality they had extended to those who had visited the meeting from abroad. They knew, he said, in his country how much they owed to English men of science and specialists. For the British Medical Association he could not speak otherwise than in the words of the academic speech: "Vivat, crescat, floreat."

Professor SEMMOLA (Naples), speaking in French, asked pardon for his inability to adequately express his ideas in English. But to his mind, so far as expression of feeling was concerned, all languages were equally good. And if English words failed him they would all, he knew, accept the heartfelt sentiment of thanks which he desired to offer to the Association for their kind

invitation, and for the welcome which he had received during that anniversary of an Association which had, in a striking manner, during sixty years, by its annual meetings, showed that the medical profession in England exercised a great and beneficent power. Each year that passed in a more and more eloquent manner proved the important rôle which medicine played in the progress of civilised nations. He desired to say that next year the International Medical Congress would meet in Rome. As he stood there, the only Italian member of the Committee of that Congress, and considering himself the interpreter of the desires of his *confrères*, and in the name of all his medical friends in Italy, he desired to tender to the Association a very hearty invitation to attend that Congress in Rome. They would try to offer them the heartiest welcome, and it was possible that his brethren would be able to show that they had profited by the example which had been set in England, which had always been mistress in the art of hospitality. And, in addition, he might say that there was a hearty sympathy subsisting between Italy and England, which was a relationship producing a condition most favourable to the advance of medicine. And it was in consequence of that sympathy as an addition to the toast that he asked them heartily to drink to the health of the Queen of England, the Prince of Wales, and Queen Margaret of Italy. "God save the Queen," was then sung, and the proceedings terminated.

The speeches were during the evening interspersed with vocal selections very ably rendered by Madame F. Lymm, Miss Honeybone, Mr. E. S. Waring, and Mr. E. Dunkerton.

ERRATUM.—Mr. John Croft, in the report in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of July 30th, page 290, of the adjourned General Meeting held on Tuesday at Nottingham, said that anesthetics had been administered for him in about 4,000 cases, and not as there stated. He also made an appeal to the members present to respond to the request made to them in the circulars of the Anæsthetic Committee.

EXCURSIONS FROM NOTTINGHAM.

SURROUNDED as Nottingham is by numbers of places of historical and antiquarian interest and of noblemen's seats famed for the beauty of their surroundings and the priceless treasures of art of all kinds which they contain, it may readily be conceived that amongst the pleasures of the Nottingham week, not the least noteworthy were the many and varied excursions to these places which the local committee arranged for the benefit of the many visitors to the meeting.

Excursion to Southwell Minster.—On Thursday afternoon a party of 50 ladies and gentlemen went some 15 miles by the Midland Railway to view this famous edifice. The weather was superb and added greatly to the pleasure of the outing. At the entrance to the Minster the party was met by Canon Smith, who gave an interesting description of this famous collegiate church, which, since 1884, has been the cathedral church of the new diocese then formed. The Minster is of Norman and early English architecture. The two western towers, the nave, with its massive pillars, and the transepts are of the former period; the eastern end of the church is of the latter style. The chapter house is octagonal and is in the decorated style; and the carving in and at the doorway of this building, which it would be difficult to overpraise, forms possibly the chief glory of Southwell. Its richness, the truthfulness to Nature shown in its details, and its splendid state of preservation after an existence of five or six centuries, are almost unprecedented. The ancient library of the Minster is in an upper room, and contains the early muniments of the Norman church. These were shown to the visitors. Tea was served in the Archbishop's palace, partially restored, which adjoins the Minster, at which Drs. Elliott and Willoughby received the visitors. Mr. C. J. Symonds and Mr. Jordan Lloyd, on behalf of those present, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Smith and the local medical practitioners for their kind entertainment, to which the Canon replied. The party then returned to Nottingham.

Buxton.—On Friday afternoon a party of 150 gentlemen and 50 ladies was conveyed at the cost of the Duke of Devonshire by special train to Buxton. The portion of the Midland Railway from Matlock to Buxton (which is nearly 1,000 feet above the sea) ascends to the latter place, through very fine scenery. The journey itself consequently gave zest to the expedition, and the fineness of the weather added thereto. The exhila-