cently opened with appropriate ceremonies. Almost a hundred invited guests who were present on this occasion went down to the Island on board the floating hospital of the Guild, where they had full opportunity of observing its beneficent work among the sick children of the poor. On behalf of the Hospital Committee Dr. Charles A. Leale formally presented the new wing, which was received by the Guild through its President, Wm. H. Wiley, Esq.; after which remarks were made by other officers of the Guild and by Dr. Moreau Morris, Chief Inspector of the Board of Health's summer corps of physicians, whose work among the tenement houses is so nobly supplemented by that of the Guild. The new wing of the Seaside Hospital, which is now fully equipped for service, is 100 feet long and 25 feet in width, and contains sixty-four cots. This increases the hospital's capacity one-half, so that 205 mothers and children can be received at a time; making the institution the largest of its kind in the world. P. B. P.

The Dinner at the Congress of Physicians and Surgeons.

Dear Sir:—Some complaints having reached the Committee in regard to the distribution of invitations to the dinner to be given to the foreign guests of the Congress of Physicians and Surgeons to be held in this city next month, I must beg the use of your columns to say that this distribution was in my hands.

The Council of the Congress having expressed themselves as averse to any elaborate entertainment on the part of the Congress, it may be said in the first place, that this dinner is *unofficial*, and is in the hands of the *members* of the Committee and not of the Committee.

As it was necessary, after the matter was decided upon, to act quickly, in order that proper invitations might be sent to Europe and answered in time, it was not possible to arrange this distribution so methodically as might have been done had the time been longer. It was intended that every member of the Congress; that is, every member of any of the constituent Associations, should have an opportunity to subscribe.

Some circulars were sent directly by me and some of them by such representatives of the Associations as I could most readily get at. It is possible that there may have been accidental omissions, and it is more than possible at this season, when so many gentlemen are absent from home, that some invitations have gone astray. Another possibility, which we know to have been in some cases an absolute fact, is that circulars have been placed in the waste paper basket. This note is intended as an invitation to every member of all the Associations composing the Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons, who wishes to do

so, to send his subscription of \$20 to Dr. S. C. Busey, 1545 I St. N. W., Washington, D.C., for a dinner to be given at Willard's Hotel, in this city, on Monday, September 17, at 7:30 P.M. I am very respectfully,
ROBERT T. EDES.
Washington, August 21, 1888.

NEW INSTRUMENTS.

A NEW ADJUSTABLE LAMP-BRACKET FOR PHYSICIANS.

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The accompanying cut illustrates the working of an adjustable lamp-bracket I have designed for the use of physicians, especially adapted for eye, ear, nose and throat treatment. It overcomes the difficulty of properly illuminating these parts from any desired direction, and at any given angle. The lamp is easily adjustable to any point lying within a perpendicular line eighteen inches in length, and it will swing through the arc of a circle, having a radius of three feet. It is supplied with joints, parallel arms and an extensible lamp holder in such a manner as to place the lamp either within a few inches of any wall to which it is attached, or at any intermediate point to a distance of three feet from the wall. It is so constructed that, in order to raise or lower the light, you need only to press the thumb and finger on the extension arm and brake beneath so as to close them together; then set the lamp at the desired point; release the brake, and the light remains wherever it is placed. The brake sets automatically, without a jerk, and without loss of motion. These points will be appreciated