INTRODUCTION.

By invitation from the LORD PROVOST and Town Council, seconded by an influential representative meeting in the City, the Sixth Congress of the Institute was held at Glasgow, from September 25th to 29th, 1883. The various meetings and lectures in connection with the Congress were held in the St. Andrew's Halls, in Granville Street, the accommodation in the building being well suited for the purposes, and the reception room and offices were also provided in the same building.

The papers submitted to the Congress were divided as usual in three Sections.

PROFESSOR G. M. HUMPHRY, M.D., F.R.S., delivered the Inaugural Address on Tuesday evening, CAPTAIN DOUGLAS GALTON, R.E., C.B., F.R.S., President of the last Congress, taking the Chair, and formally installing PROFESSOR HUMPHRY as Chairman of the Congress at Glasgow.

Dr. B. W. RICHARDSON, F.R.S., delivered the lecture to the Congress on Thursday evening, and Dr. ALFRED CARPENTER delivered an Address to a very large audience of the working classes on Saturday evening.

The papers read at the Congress were divided into the following Sections:—

Section I.—Sanitary Science and Preventive Medicine, presided over by PROFESSOR W. T. GAIRDNER, M.D., LL.D. Section II.—Engineering and Architecture, presided over by PROFESSOR T. ROGER SMITH, F.R.I.B.A. Section III.—Chemistry, Meteorology, and Geology, presided over by R. ANGUS SMITH, PH.D., F.R.S. One day was devoted to each of these Sectional Meetings, thus occupying Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

A Public Luncheon was held on Tuesday afternoon, at which the LORD PROVOST presided, and welcomed the Institute in the name of the Town.

On Wednesday evening a *Conversazione* was given by the Town Council, and was very largely attended.

A Public Dinner was held on Friday evening at the close of the Business Meetings of the Congress.

An Excursion down the Clyde and round the Kyles of Bute was arranged by the Local Committee for the Saturday.

Very suitable buildings for the Exhibition, which was open from September 25th to October 20th, were provided in the Burnbank Drill Hall, Great Western Road.

There were 130 exhibitors and 720 exhibits. The Judges awarded 18 Medals, 12 Special Certificates (to articles which had received Medals at previous Exhibitions of the Institute), and 46 Certificates. Forty-four exhibits were deferred for further practical trial and testing, and the result of these trials will be reported at the Anniversary Meeting in July, when all the Medals and Certificates will be presented. About 20,000 people visited the Exhibition during the twenty-six days that it was open.

Owing to some local difficulties Cheltenham is unable to receive the Institute in 1884, as previously arranged; the Council, therefore, accepted a very largely-supported invitation from the leading societies and from the prominent and influential residents in Dublin to hold the Congress in that city.

E. WHITE WALLIS,
Secretary.

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