

CONGRESS AT YORK.

INTRODUCTION.

THE Ninth Congress of the Institute was held at York, from Tuesday, September 21st, to Saturday, September 25th, 1886, by the invitation of the LORD MAYOR and CORPORATION.

The Buildings placed at the disposal of the Council were commodious and well adapted for the Meetings of the Congress. The opening Address by the President, SIR SPENCER WELLS, BART., and the Lecture to the Congress by CAPTAIN DOUGLAS GALTON, were delivered in the Saloon of the Fine Art and Industrial Institution, in St. Leonards Place: the Exhibition also was held in the extensive buildings and grounds of that Institution. The Sectional Meetings were held in the Theatre of the Museum of the Philosophical Society.

The Congress opened with a Special Service at the Minster, the Sermon being preached by the VERY REV. THE DEAN OF YORK. The Members of the Congress were then received by the LORD MAYOR and CORPORATION in the Reception Room at the Fine Art Building, and the Public Luncheon, at which the LORD MAYOR presided and welcomed the Institute to the City of York, was held in the De Grey Rooms. After lunch the LORD MAYOR and CORPORATION and Members of the Congress proceeded to the Exhibition, and were conducted round the building by the JUDGES; the LORD MAYOR then pronounced the Exhibition open.

The Exhibition continued open until October 16th. There were 130 Exhibitors, and 900 Exhibits. The Judges awarded 11 Medals, 11 Special Certificates, and 56 Certificates; 42 Exhibits were deferred for further practical trial. About 30,000 people visited the Exhibition during the 23 days it was open.

The papers read to the Congress were divided into three Sections: Section 1, Sanitary Science and Preventive Medicine. Section 2, Engineering and Architecture. Section 3, Chemistry, Meteorology

and Geology. The papers and discussions in Sections 1 and 2 occupied nearly two days each. A Conference of Medical Officers of Health was held on the afternoon of the 1st day of Section 1, at which several subjects that come specially within the province of the Medical Officers were brought forward for discussion. The leading features of the Sectional Meetings and Conference are given in the Reports of the Secretaries, on page 363.

On Wednesday evening a *Conversazione* was held in the Exhibition and the adjoining rooms and Picture Galleries, which were specially arranged and decorated for the occasion.

A Breakfast was given to the Members of the Congress on Thursday morning, in the De Grey Rooms, by the National Temperance League.

Addresses to the Working Classes were given on Saturday evening in the Festival Concert Room, Museum Street, by MR. EDWARD C. ROBINS, F.R.I.B.A., DR. GEORGE VIVIAN POORE, and MR. JAMES MANSENGH, M.INST.C.E. The Chair was taken by the REV. CANON FLEMING.

An Excursion was made on Saturday afternoon to the York New Waterworks, at Acomb, by invitation of the Chairman and Directors of the Company.

Many opportunities were given to the Members to visit the numerous places of interest in the City, the DEAN, on several occasions, personally conducting the Members over the Minster and Library; the antiquarian rambles were taken through the old city under the guidance of the REV. CANON RAINE.

MR. BUCKLE, the Principal of the School for the Blind, kindly arranged a Concert by the Pupils on Saturday morning, to which the Members of the Congress were invited.

It was decided to hold the Congress of 1887 at Bolton, an invitation from the TOWN COUNCIL having been accepted during the Meeting at York.

E. WHITE WALLIS,

Secretary.

15th April, 1887.
