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## THE BERNE PHYSIOLOGICAL CONGRESS (I).

THE third International Physiological Congress, held at Berne from September 9th to 13th, 1895, was attended by a larger number of physiologists than either of the previous meetings. The official lists of those who announced their intention of being present contained 154 names, and, though a few of these were prevented from attending, the representation from most of the European countries was very satisfactory. The United States, however, sent but two representatives.

The meetings were held in the new physiological institute named in honor of Switzerland's great physiologist the 'Hallerianum.' Here every facility was offered by Prof. Kronecker and his assistants, not only for the presentation of the regular communications, but also for the exhibition of apparatus and for physiological and microscopical demonstrations, which are really the most important features of such gatherings.

The social entertainments were numerous and well arranged. On the evening of September 8th an informal reception in the Gesellschaftshaus gave the members an opportunity of greeting each other and of making new acquaintances. On the following evening Prof. and Mrs. Kronecker received the members at their home and entertained them with private theatricals, dancing and an 'Abendessen' in the open air. The other social features of the Congress

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