A NEW OTOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

The assembly in Great Britain of so many of those interested in this branch of our speciality has led to one noteworthy effect: it has resulted in the inception of an Otological Society. The founders number fifty, and it has the advantage of the presence of Sir William Dalby as provisional chairman. It is yet early to speak with any certainty as to what arrangements will be made for its working, but we have every confidence in its eventual success, and heartily welcome its appearance. With one so respected and so widely known as chairman of committee, we draw a happy augury for the future.

THE SIXTH INTERNATIONAL OTOLOGICAL CONGRESS.

By the time this number of our Journal is in the hands of our subscribers, the members of Congress will have already begun to congregate in London. The list of papers to be read has already been issued, and we will therefore content ourselves by merely remarking on the paucity of communications from this country; let us hope this is in part due to the fact of our having our time considerably occupied with the arrangements of the Congress. The Museum gives the most flattering promise of being more than a feature—it promises to be *the* feature, and to amply warrant the large sum asked by the Museum Committee. It should mark an epoch in the history of otological anatomy and pathology; and the catalogue form a reference work, stamped with the seal of authority, which for ages to come may be appealed to as a sure guide and index of the state of pathology in this department at the end of this, the nineteenth century.

It is of course highly desirable that there should be some such work to which one could refer in event of any pathological fact being rediscovered at any future time. And as we know full well, it is a matter of the greatest difficulty to find out, from among the masses of literature in various languages, whether or no any particular subject is really fresh.

We understand that the idea is to have the pathological department grouped under a scientific and rational basis. This, whilst involving much labour, will give a most admirable result.

Our readers will be glad to learn that the unique collections of many well-known men, as well as representative ones from Germany, Austria, Holland and other countries, are amongst the

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