

ITALIAN APOTHECARIES.

THE committee charged with the organisation of the Seventh International Pharmaceutical Congress, which was to have been held at Milan, have issued a circular announcing the postponement of the meeting. Italian pharmacists seem to think the time is out of joint, since a tyrannical Government insisted on controlling the sale of proprietary medicines, and otherwise interfering with their rights and privileges; and they are too busy fighting *pro aris et focis*, or, in other words, for their counters and gallipots, to have time to spare for scientific gatherings. The organising committee plaintively state that in spite of repeated announcements and invitations published in the principal Italian and foreign journals, and in spite of 25,000 circulars having been sent out, the number of adhesions received has hardly amounted to thirty. Under the circumstances, no one can doubt that the committee have been well advised in deciding to wait for quieter times.

THE CLIMATE OF NEW ZEALAND.

DR. ALBERT J. GARLAND (Oamaru, New Zealand) writes: In the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of November 24th, 1890, I pointed out the mistake of placing the whole of the middle island of New Zealand in the same zone for purposes of climatology, and spoke of the advantages to be derived by phthisical cases by residence in the sub-alpine climate of Central Otago. Dr. Cullimore, in the JOURNAL of January 3rd, falls into the error I spoke of by quoting the climate of Dunedin in refutation of my assertion; to compare the climates of Queenstown and Dunedin is like comparing the climate of the Isle of Wight and that of Glasgow.

Unfortunately I cannot obtain meteorological observations from Queenstown, as none appear to have been taken for many years; but I have them for this place, which is in the same latitude as Queenstown, or nearly so, and about seventy miles north of Dunedin. Dr. Cullimore quotes the number of rainy days in Dunedin as 182; the average number of days on which rain fell here for the last twenty-four years to December, 1890=95.6; the rainfall for the year 1888 was 29.10 inches; 1889=14.33; 1890=14.15; and I believe the rainfall at Queenstown is very similar. Reference is made to the necessity of good houses. The hotel accommodation at Queenstown leaves little to be desired, or very good private lodgings can be had; or if that is not good enough, I know of a house which cost over £10,000, which is now vacant in consequence of the death of the owner, and I have no doubt could be obtained at a small rental.

I quite agree with Dr. Cullimore in condemning laudation of unsuitable climates, but I spoke from personal knowledge of the climate. I have now before me a letter from a lady with cavities in both lungs, who has been at Queenstown for about three months. She says: "My cough is better, I am glad to say; I have not many night perspirations, only one within the last three weeks; and as for my appetite, it is always very good. I am feeling much stronger than I did a few weeks ago." And every patient that I have sent to the interior has benefited.

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