

From the sugar refinery the party passed to the inspection of the Union Iron Works and the Pacific Rolling Mills. The gigantic operations of these two factories in the building of the great war ships which have been constructed and are under construction at this place, were thoroughly explained. No part of the excursion was of more interest to the chemist than this. The Union Iron Works kindly placed at the disposal of the chemists their private tug for the purpose of carrying the party from San Francisco to Potrero and return. The sail on the bay was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On Saturday evening a delightful banquet of an informal nature was held at which forty, all I hope immortal, sat down. The festivities of the banquet were continued until a late hour.

On Monday the chemists were invited to visit the California Powder Works and the Giant Powder Co., situated near the Southern Pacific Railroad, about thirty miles from San Francisco. Not a very large number was able to accept this invitation, but those who did go were fully repaid for the trip.

There is no space here for comments on the scientific papers read, but, an inspection of the titles will show the broad scope of scientific research covered by the papers presented to the congress.

The visiting chemists received every courtesy from their San Francisco brethren, and those having the congress in charge certainly deserve the heartiest congratulations for the successful way in which they carried it to a happy conclusion.

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ERRATUM.—Page 514, fifth line from bottom of page, for “*proof* silver, etc.,” read “*pure* silver, etc.”