DISCUSSION.

MR. G. FISCHER said he was very pleased that this important subject had been brought before the Association. He had hoped to have given some interesting information in connection with fire-bricks, but he was sorry to say that the brick-makers in and around Sydney did not appear disposed to disclose anything of importance regarding the method of treatment they adopted. The fire-bricks he exhibited were dry-pressed, of local manufacture, and had been tested by exposure for a considerable time to very great heat, and an examination would show that they were not in any way affected thereby.

The President (Mr. R. Pollock) endorsed the previous speakers remarks and considered that with a little more practice they would be able to manufacture fire-bricks here in every way equal to the English article.

Mr. J. Nangle in reply said that results of tests given in the second table were of some of the best bricks used in the Bondi sewerage works, and had been obtained from official sources.

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