

and the purchasers of our books. Moreover, it is not safe to deal honestly and fairly with those who have the ability to excel us in anything.

Seriously, neither Dr. Sheets nor the Association reflected how paltry an act they performed in resolving that it was contrary to their dignity to seek for truth and science in every quarter, and to render justice to all men—especially to worthy laborers in the field of humanitarian science, who deserve the gratitude of cotemporaries as well as of posterity. However, it is the tendency of cliques and corporations, to become selfish, monopolizing, and overbearing in proportion to their powers, such a spirit as is the antipodes of true advancement.—*College Journal.*

**Homeopathic Medical Society of the State of New York.**

The semi-annual meeting of this Society was held on Wednesday at Hope Chapel. In the absence of the President, Dr. M. M. Matthews, of Rochester, Dr. B. F. Joslin, of this city, was called to the chair, and Dr. M. Freleigh appointed Secretary.

After calling the roll, Drs. R. McMurry, J. M. Berghans, J. F. Baldwin, J. T. Alley, G. H. Leach, were proposed and elected members.

Dr. J. L. Sullivan of this city, chairman of the committee appointed at the last meeting to inquire into the subject of a hospital for the treatment of consumptives, read a lengthy report on the subject, which was listened to with great attention, and ordered to be published.

Dr. B. F. Joslin read a paper on the length of the latent period of a dose, or the time between its reception and sensible action, which, after some interesting remarks from Dr. Bleakley, of this city, was received and ordered to be published in the North American Journal of Homeopathy.

The meeting then adjourned till 3 p.m., at which time they re-assembled. Dr. E. West, of this city, was proposed and elected a member.

Dr. Freleigh read a very interesting

paper, which he styled, "Mercury a Solvent to the Living Solids," illustrating the *modus operandi* of mercury on the human organism by reference to organic and physiological chemistry, which was received and ordered to be printed.

Dr. A. S. Ball of New York, occupied the attention of the meeting some time by reading an article showing the effect of Digitalis, the twenty-fourth attenuation, in a case of Neuralgia of the region of the heart, which brought out some remarks from Drs. E. Bayard of this city, and S. S. Guy of Brooklyn, after which the paper was received and ordered to be printed.

Dr. Ball then presented a paper illustrating the use of Silix in secondary syphilis.

Dr. B. F. Bowers of New York, read a tabular account of the superior success of Homeopathic practice in the different asylums, showing that there are five and a half deaths under the old practice to one under the Homeopathic practice.

The meeting adjourned till 8 o'clock to hear the address of Dr. Samuel S. Guy of Brooklyn, entitled, "Inquiries into the Origin and Nature of Disease," which was listened to with profound attention for an hour and a half.

The Society adjourned to meet at Smith's Pharmacy, No. 105 Fourth avenue, Thursday, at 12 m.

**HEALTH.**—It is much to be regretted that mankind in general, while in the enjoyment of health, pay so little attention to the preservation of so inestimable a blessing. Nothing is more common than to see a miserable object, with a constitution broken down by his own imprudence, and a prey to disease, bathing, walking, riding, and in a word, doing everything to solicit a return of health—yet, had his friends recommended these very things to him by way of prevention, the advice would, in all probability have been treated with contempt, or at least with neglect. Such is the weakness and folly of mankind, and such the want of foresight, even in those who ought to be wiser than others.