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### THEN AND NOW.

The anniversary of Hahnemann's birthday, April 11th, was the date chosen by the homœopathic profession, in various parts of the United States, as a fitting time to celebrate the centennial of homœopathy. Just 100 years ago, Hahnemann published his first treatise, relating his convictions, based on study, individual research, and experiment, carried on faithfully for fifteen years previously, and finally given to the world when their truth was incontrovertible. A century ago homœopathy had few if any adherents outside of its promulgator's own family, and was even received by them with incredulity. To-day, it is known, practiced, and sought after by people of all stations, in every civilized country, while the cooing of babes, the acclaim of children, the joyful gratitude of suffering men and women and the unexpressed yet evident thanks of the animal creation, proclaim its excellence throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The past century has seen many changes in the fortunes of Hahnemann and his followers. In 1820, persecution encouraged by interested prejudice, drove the master from Leipsic, where he was a professor of the university, to seek his livelihood and pursue his cal-

ling where he could. To-day one of the finest monuments in Leipsic's public squares is that of Samuel Hahnemann, and there is now being constructed a monument to cost \$75,000, to be erected in his honor in one of the public squares or parks of Washington. This work is being done by the physicians and patrons of the homœopathic school as a centennial testimonial to the most illustrious name in modern medicine, and will be a consummate work of art in that city of monuments.

A hundred years ago Hahnemann, his household and his writings, comprised the whole homœopathic profession, journals, hospitals, dispensaries and societies. To-day, according to the New York Medical Record, the best known journal of the old school and noted for its conservatism, there are in the United States alone, 143 homœopathic State societies, 112 homœopathic hospitals, 59 dispensaries, 35 homœopathic medical journals and 14,000 practitioners, graduates of 20 homœopathic colleges. In England a new homœopathic hospital has been opened which cost in its construction and appointments over a quarter of million of dollars. A law has been recently adopted in Mexico placing both schools on an equal footing, the result largely of the achievements of homœopathy in the family of President Diaz. Italy has also joined in the centennial celebration by the recent appointment of Dr. Cigliano to lecture on homœopathy in the University of Naples.

Montreal has also contributed nobly to the centennial celebration, and her monument to the master, in the form of the new hospital, new journal and in-