

session was held in Buffalo, our representative being Dr. A. R. Griffith.

The report says there are in the United States nine National Societies, two Sectional Societies, thirty-two State Societies and three Miscellaneous Homœopathic Societies, also eighty-six Local Societies and forty Homœopathic Clubs. There are in the United States sixty-seven General and seventy-two Special Homœopathic Hospitals, of which thirty-nine General and forty-five Special Hospitals have sent in reports. The eighty-four hospitals reporting have a capacity for 9,183 beds, there were 33,962 patients treated during the past year, of which 18,000 were cured, 8,979 relieved, 1,293 were not relieved and 1,587 died, the death rate being a trifle over four per cent.; the unusually large death rate being due to the extra number of phthisis (consumption) cases received during the year 1896-1897.

There are fifty-seven Homœopathic Dispensaries, thirty-seven of which have reported. In these there were 179,497 patients treated during the year and 529,574 prescriptions were made; there were also 15,336 outside visits made.

There were twenty-one Homœopathic Medical Colleges, twenty of whom reported. In these there were 1,856 students and 475 graduates; there were in these colleges 11,856 Alumni. One new college was opened in Kansas City. There were thirty-two Homœopathic journals published in the United States. No reports were received from several very large hospitals, such as Cook County Hospital, Chicago (1,250 beds); Hahnemann, Chicago (300 beds); Baptist, Chicago; Grace Hospital, Detroit; Brooklyn Homœopathic, New York Ophthalmic, Utica Homœopathic, Albany Homœopathic, City Hospital, Quincy, Mass.; Lowell General, and thirty-six others, many of them being of greater capacity than the Montreal General or Royal Victoria Hospitals.

Speaking of the condition of Homœopathy in foreign countries the report says:—

"In Austria-Hungary it has simply held its own during the past semi-decade. In Belgium there are one hundred practitioners, two societies and two journals. In compliance with the popular demand the Government opened a homœopathic dispensary January 1st, 1892, whose prescriptions increased to fourteen fold in four years. In Denmark the situation is absolutely unchanged. In France it still has a strong hold on

the hearts of the people and the demand for additional practitioners of the New School is very considerable. Germany, supports 400 homœopathic physicians and three journals. Great Britain has eleven homœopathic hospitals, each maintaining an out-patient department; also eleven other dispensaries. The British Homœopathic Society numbers 219 members. In the Dominion of Canada there are two hospitals with fifty and one hundreds beds respectively, one dispensary, and thirty-nine practitioners. India has sixty "duly qualified" practitioners, with an indefinite number of those but partially trained. There are two schools of instruction in the Science of Medicine and two journals. In Calcutta alone, fifty strictly homœopathic pharmacies find abundant support. Holland reports but six physicians, yet the laity is thoroughly in favor of New Medicine, and has organized a society for the promotion of Homœopathy which supports two student physicians in Budapesth while they are completing their studies. In Italy are to be found fifty-two doctors, three societies, three magazines, nine reliable pharmacies, and five regular dispensaries, besides a number of small private ones. Portugal contains twenty well known physicians and five pharmacies. Russia has fifty-two practitioners, nine societies, three hospitals, and seventeen pharmacies. Switzerland reports twenty physicians.

Of the hospitals, general, special and private, reporting the value of their property there are 90 footing up an aggregate sum of \$9,663,500. New York leads with 26 institutions whose property is valued at \$3,283,500. Pennsylvania comes next with 9 hospitals, with a value of \$1,863,000. Ohio has 8 hospitals representing a value of \$440,000.

Of the colleges reporting to the Institute, thirteen of them have property aggregating in value \$1,828,000. Ten of them report an aggregate yearly income of \$190,993, and five of them have endowments aggregating the princely sum of \$2,588,800.

The believers (?) in heroic medicine would do well to investigate and perchance discover the "germ" which causes all this trouble in the body medical, ere they brand it as a delusion and a passing fancy.

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