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The peculiar social, racial and political conditions of our country are so different from those on the Continent, that they necessitate an expression of solely American ideas on this mooted question, both from a socio-economic and sanitary point of view.

The committee desires the support of the medical profession and the aid and powerful collaboration of the medical press of the country to help them in this work. It takes the liberty of soliciting expressions and views editorially and otherwise, and would be glad of personal correspondence from those supporting the movement, and who will contribute by papers, etc., to make it a success in case the House of Delegates should favor the holding of such a congress.

By giving this a place in your esteemed paper, the committee feel that you will have aided materially in forwarding the work entrusted to them.

I remain with thanks,

Very truly yours,

LUDWIG WEISS, M. D.,

Secretary of Committee.

## A TROPICAL INSANE ASYLUM.

DEAR DR. :—

A visit to a tropical insane asylum has many points of interest. The institution here has from 950 to 1000 patients, nearly all colored. (I only saw two or three whites.) Males and females equally divided.

It has a beautiful situation on the harbour, lined with tall coconut trees and large evergreen trees scattered over their very widely extended grounds. The wards are all one story, (at a distance look like sheds) and open on all sides night and day. Brick and concrete with iron roofing are the chief material used in construction ; some of the older buildings are of wood.