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up to that time, while the ^{references made in the} reports ^{of the} ~~inspections~~ ^{inspections} at this and subsequent meetings
of the Association ^{2, 4, 5, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.} afford ample evidence of
the fact that while the Socratic System had
become strongly rooted in one or two of
the States ^{of the Union} its existence in others was unknown
~~while it~~ or only ^{beginning}, while in some
had it become so ~~well~~ ^{well} felt to such
an extent as to arouse either on grounds of
humanity or fear any strong public sentiment
on the matter. The reports ~~of~~ ^{indicate} in
an uncertain ^{legible} may, however, the gradual
spreading of the evil throughout several States
of the Union, and a constantly increasing
operation in regard to it throughout the
decade.