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THE WASHINGTON MEETING.

The meeting of the American Institute of Homœopathy, this year, at Washington, D.C., marked an era in the history of Homœopathy in America.

The magnificent monument to Hahnemann costing \$80,000, placed in one of the most beautiful of the public spaces of Washington, the Scott Circle, was unveiled in the presence of President McKinley and the opening oration was delivered by the Attorney-General of the United States. The ground itself and the pedestal with foundations, were the gift of the United States. Such honor to a medical man bears witness to the wonderful spread and national influence of Homœopathy. The scene was impressive, the living mass of people, the inspiring music of the National Marine Band, the splendid orations, combined to make an impression, never to be forgotten. For the time, we, who were Canadians and contributors to the monument, became practically United States citizens.

In the evening, the members of the Institute were honored by a State Reception at the White House, identical in its decoration, music and dress with the State Receptions. We were told that this

was one of the only two given to civilian bodies during President McKinley's term of office. The scene was certainly one of dazzling brilliancy.

On June 19th, in the National Theatre, the institute was formally opened. The address of welcome coming from the Hon. Henry McFarland, President of the State Commissioners of the District of Columbia. This name brings up a curious fact, namely, that owing to the predominance of the negro element, the franchise was taken away from the District of Columbia and a body of three Commissioners, appointed by the Government, placed as its government. The evening's programme was a brilliant one, perhaps the masterpiece being the clever and witty address of the retiring President, the unique genius, Dr. Chas. E. Walton.

In the report of the unveiling of the monument, mention must be made of the stately "Ode to Hahnemann" delivered by Dr. Wm. Tod Helmuth of New York, the Nestor of Homœopathic surgery. We trust to see him, as well as a cut of the monument, in the Record.

The memorial services for the Institute's dead of the past year was especially notable in the memorial oration delivered by the philosopher, Dr. E. H. Pratt of Chicago. The record was a sad one, numbering several world-famed names in its lists. The Institute has many thousands enrolled, hence its "Evenings to the Year's Dead." Perhaps the most interesting to the readers of the Record was the meeting of June 21st, when, it will go down in the history of the Institute, the Montreal Contingent nearly succeeded in stampeding the meeting in favor of Montreal for 1901. The idea came at the meeting, and a few words to Ex-President Bailey started the ball rolling, with a result that almost took our breath away, for in our wildest dream, we never thought that Montreal