

hundred beds. In connection with the pathological institute about one thousand autopsies are held every year. In this way the amount of objective teaching done compares favorably with that in much larger cities.

A recent event of special interest was the celebration of Professor Pettenkofer's seventieth birthday. The festivities began a week ago and are not quite finished yet. I had, of course, like everyone else, heard of a Pettenkofer, as the inventor of a very complicated test for bile acids, which I could never get to work properly; and I had also heard of a Pettenkofer who had a theory about something or other which theory I could never understand, much less believe in. I confessed to be surprised on learning that these twain were one Pettenkofer; but no one not living in Munich would appreciate the enormous influence he possesses in sanitary affairs. He planned and carried out a series of sanitary reforms which transformed Munich from being about the most unhealthy city in Europe into one of the healthiest, typhoid fever being now happily so rare here that the professors are often at a loss for a case to show to the class. He refused to accept the chair of Hygiene at Vienna, and even declined to accept the directorship of the Reich's Gesundheits Amt. in Berlin, preferring to remain in Munich, which city, in consequence, is never tired of showing its gratitude to him. On his seventieth birthday he was, among other events, honored by a deputation consisting of the Mayor and Corporation, who presented him with a formal address, and in the evening a grand dinner in his honor was given by the city, at which everyone of note in the official world here was present. The people here when they find a man whom they delight to honor take certainly care to do it frequently enough. A professor can be *fêted*, for instance, at his fiftieth, sixtieth, and seventieth birthdays respectively, and, after that, still more frequently, say every five years or so as he gets older and more and more of a curiosity. But in the intervals as well they can amuse themselves by finding out other occasions suitable for festivities, such as the twenty-fifth anniversary of his obtaining a professor-