

attention to business, prepared the way for the very prosperous condition in which homeopathy now finds itself in this city. This impetus, happily, was well supported by Dr. P. P. Wells, who was the third in the series, and who took up his abode in 1843. By 1846 two more practitioners had settled here. Thus the progress was at first slow, but none the less sure; and in 1850, ten years' time, its advocates were but nine in number. From this date, however, another rate of progress is noted. In 1851, *three* new physicians came in; in 1852, *four*; and in 1853, '54, and '55, *eight more* each year. These forty, however, do not all remain; death, removals, and changes to other occupations, leave us twenty-nine, to which must be added six living in Williamsburgh, Bushwick and Green-Point, and we have *thirty-five* resident homeopathic physicians for Brooklyn.

PHARMACY.

In July of 1852 (when there were twelve physicians) a *Homeopathy Pharmacy* was opened by Mr. J. T. P. Smith, in one of the most public parts of the city. This has since not only supported itself, but has been enlarged to several times its original dimensions, besides being moved to a more conspicuous position.

DISPENSARY.

Following directly upon the manifest success of the pharmacy, in January, 1853, by the united efforts of some of the homeopathic laity, and the body of their physicians, was founded the *Brooklyn Homeopathic Dispensary*. It is legally incorporated; located beside the pharmacy; and governed by a body of about twelve trustees, elected (in classes) from members who are constituted by a gratuitous subscription to the funds of the dispensary. Besides electing their own officers, and framing rules for the supervision and governance of the dispensary, these trustees appoint the attending physicians, additions to whose number (15) are made on the recommendation of those already serving. Such, in brief, is the form of the dispensary. It is effective, and the institution is prosperous as the subjoined figures show. Like all other public charities dependent upon private subscriptions for their support, it is embarrassed by insufficiency of means. To relieve this in part, application has been made to the city government for a share of the public monies annually appropriated to charitable uses of this sort. It is a gratifying index of public sentiment towards homeopathy, that the application has been favorably considered in committee; and that the award has been approved and recommended by them. It waits only its turn with other business, the action of the common council.

The Dispensary is free to all; open daily (except Sundays) from 12 to 1 o'clock, and attended by two physicians, whose time of service is the current month. The patients, of course, are those, for the most part, who are unable to pay; but it is noticeable, that the squalid and filthy poor, the manifestly improvident and thriftless, form a very small minority. For the greater part, they are cleanly, and intelligent