

Hospital are oftentimes the most wretched objects living. My observation, I am happy to find, is fully confirmed by Dr. Gluck, who for a considerable time attended the practice of Fleischmann's Hospital in Vienna." (p. 43)

It is easy to conceive, again, how much an average could be affected by one party having recourse to a selection of cases, that is, admitting by preference those suffering from ailments distinguished for mildness and non-fatality, and rejecting many afflicted with *bonâ fide* dangerous or incurable disease.

"When, for instance, we find in Fleischmann's Hospital, between 1835-43, the following simple cases (which cannot include the more severe, which are referred to separate heads):—Hysteria, 6; hypochondriasis, 3; spasms, 23; spasms of bladder, chest and stomach, 37; amenorrhœa, 10; chlorosis, 80; rheumatic and gout affections of the chest, 47; catamenial colic, 15; headaches, 79; hoarseness, 6; shingles, 20; swelling of cheeks, 29; vomiting, 23; simple cough, 9; dyspepsia, 172; catarrh, 43; chorea, 4; &c., &c., total 662, of simple diseases, seldom fatal, not to include 270 very mild surgical cases and such diseases as tonsillitis, &c., it is very difficult to believe the cases are not selected. In 1842-43, in the Leipsic Hospital (homeopathic) we have 23 cases of odontalgia, *i. e.* simple toothache, admitted out of 418 cases altogether." (p. 39.)

In Fleischmann's Hospital, between the years 1835-43, the proportion of cases of amenorrhœa chlorosis and headaches to all cases admitted, was 22 per 1000, and in Leipsic 29 per 1000. In the Glasgow Infirmary, it was only 4 per 1000, and in the General Hospital at Vienna, in the two years 1848-9, it was 10.9 per 1000. There were admitted of the incurable disease, pulmonary phthisis, into the

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"Glasgow Infirmary, 4 years	481	4.0
General Hospital, Vienna, out of 51,709 cases	366	4.5
Dresden 1821-43	27,067	6.8
Strazburg, 1841 (Forget statistics)	1,324	9.6
<i>In the Homeopathic Hospitals.</i>		
Fleischmann's	6,501	1.5
Leipsic 1841-8	6,507	1.6

We are of opinion, that our readers will agree with Dr. Routh, in regarding the foregoing facts as containing positive proof of the homeopaths having recourse to a selection from the cases which present themselves for admission into their hospitals.

The extremes of age are notoriously incapable of resisting disease. Under 10 and over 40, the *vis vitæ*, as a general rule, readily yields to an