

grown in estimation until now the Schott School of Treatment in heart diseases has enthusiastic adherents and advocates in all civilized countries.

We have to thank Prof. Schott for his cordial co-operation in assisting our purposes of study, and for the serious thoroughness he displayed and demanded in investigating the remedial processes, the efficacy of which has been so fully demonstrated scientifically that it can no longer be reasonably called in question.

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THE FREQUENCY OF GONORRHEA.

For more than a decade, it has become the fashion among a certain part of the profession to consider infective urethritis in the male almost universal. One author has gone the length of saying that in American cities, 90 per cent. of all the men under thirty years of age have had gonorrhea at least once. The general practitioner, however, has never been able to accept any such figures, even though his humble opinion is frowned upon by the genitourinary specialist and by the gynecologist. One of the latter has stated that 85 per cent. of all his abdominal operations are made necessary by the presence of the gonococcus.

It comes, therefore, as a breath of fresh air to those who have stolidly maintained all such percentages to be greatly exaggerated, to read that Erb (Munich Med. Wochschr), the great German authority on nervous diseases, has compiled statistics which differ widely from those previously published.

He found in almost 2,000 cases of all kinds, drawn from men in every walk of life, that 48.5 per cent. had been infected, while 45 per cent. had never had either gonorrhea or syphilis. He obtained a careful history of the wives of 400 of these patients who admitted having the disease, and found that only 4.25 per cent. had suffered from pelvic infection which might possibly be gonorrheal. He ascertained, also, that only 12 per cent. of the marriages were childless and in many cases causes other than gonorrhea were present.