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OPIUM IN INDIA.
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Mr. President and Gentlemen :

I HAVE no intention in this communication of discussing the pharmacology and therapeutics of opium, nor yet of mentioning the diseases in which it is indicated or otherwise, but would ask you to bear with me for a short time, while I give you the knowledge of the drug which I picked up while living in India. During the five years that I was there I resided in Behar, where the best Indian opium is grown and where many thousands of natives and a few Europeans are employed in the cultivation of the white poppy, (*Papaver Somniferum*), from which opium is obtained.

Just at this season of the year, when, after the cold weather, the climate is becoming tropical again; the little fields round thousands