

The subjects brought formally before the Society for discussion, during the past year, were—Organic diseases of the heart, Aneurism of the Thoracic Aorta, the Connection of Convulsions with large losses of Blood, Bloodletting in Inflammatory Affections, Nature and Treatment of Inflammation, Dyspepsia, Epidemics, Cause of Spread of Cholera and Yellow Fever, Conditions favoring the spread of Cholera, Ulceration of the Stomach, Inflammation of the Bladder and its Treatment, Intestinal Worms, Uterine Hemorrhage, Hooping Cough, Jaundice, Functions of the Liver, Gunshot Wounds, Physiology of the Ganglionic System of Nerves.

A few actual cases of disease have been reported, and several recent morbid specimens were laid before the Society.

In thus briefly reviewing our position during the past year, the question naturally arises, What has been the success of our Society? The object of the Society, as expressed in the Constitution, is the improvement of its members in medicine and the auxiliary sciences. In estimating the degree of improvement that may have been attained, it is unfair to take into consideration only the amount of information actually imparted during the meetings of the Society. Has not some one of us been led by some casual remark, or by the starting of some apparently uninteresting question in the Society, to enter upon some new path of enquiry which has conducted him to conclusions the most unexpected and satisfactory? Has not the discussion of a subject occasionally obliged some of us to furbish up old stores of knowledge which had become rusty from disuse? Have there not been instances in which we had supposed that we were pretty thoroughly acquainted with a subject, and yet, on listening to the remarks of another, have we not discovered that there were points which we had entirely overlooked, and which we afterwards attended to in our private studies?

But, in addition to the information thus directly imparted, or acquired privately in consequence of suggestions thrown out in the Society, we ought not to overlook the fact, that a certain amount of intellectual exertion has been called forth by our discussions. The value of this result is

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