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### THE ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF HOMŒOPATHY.

Practically this is a yearly World's Congress, delegates and guests from all parts of the world being present, even from India.

The Congress is well worth attending for about everything good or new in Homœopathy comes up in clever papers or in the even cleverer discussions of the most brilliant-men of the Homœopathic world. It was not encouraging to find only four Canadians: Dr. Sinclair of Woodstock, Dr. Anderson of Toronto, Dr. Griffith and myself from Montreal.

On our way to Detroit we had the pleasure of going over Grace Hospital, Toronto, with the genial house surgeon, Dr. Nichol. The situation of the hospital and the view from its roof garden were very fine.

The amount of room provided for the various departments was in marked contrast to our own crowded space.

The public wards we found large and airy, and the private rooms models of elegance and comfort.

In Detroit we had the privilege of seeing Pratt, of Chicago, perform Hysterectomy. The marvellous dexterity, technical and theoretical knowledge of this man were alone almost worth the journey.

Grace Hospital, Detroit, is about the size of the Montreal General, beautifully situated, richly endowed, and presided over by Miss Hibbard, a sister-in-law of Dr. Frank England, of Montreal. It is one of the most perfect hospitals in America, and does an immense amount of work. Homœopathy treats about one-third of Detroit.

In Chicago I slept one night in the great Cook County Hospital, 1500 beds, and excused myself the second. It bears the same relation to Chicago that Bellevue does to New York, and in Bellevue we slept mostly sitting up, or on the ambulance. Still, for clique-cursed Chicago it is a fine hospital, the building is fine, the grounds beautiful, the patients well looked after, and the wards neat. Night and day some 20 police ambulances pour in a stream of accidents and diseases. Probably no hospital in America furnishes a finer surgical experience.

The city allows the Homœopaths one case in five, and the Eclectics (who mostly practice homœopathy) one in six.

The nursing is done by the Illinois Training School, entirely independent of the warden, who is a clique appointee.

The Chicago Homœopathic Hospital and College is only about twice the size of our own building, and forms one of the dozen odd colleges and hospitals built around Cook County Hospital. It is a *multum in parvo*, and is ably conducted by Miss Hansen, a particularly bright and capable little woman. That it does good work the present make-up of our own staff is an ever-present illustration.