

HOMŒOPATHY IN WASHINGTON AND PARIS

This year, 1900, the last of the century, has witnessed two events, the most memorable that have occurred in the annals of Homœopathy since Hahnemann's announcement of its law. These were, the dedication of his monument in Washington, and the unveiling of his tombstone in Paris. The American Institute of Homœopathy, which is the most numerously constituted representative of the principle in the world, having a membership of over 2,000, each of whom receives a large volume of its transactions annually, held its annual session at Washington in June, 1900, and I transcribe the report of it from the London Homœopathic World. For the account of the Paris programme we are indebted to our own reporter.

DEDICATION OF THE HAHNEMANN MONUMENT AT WASHINGTON.

At just 5 o'clock the veil was dropped from the superb statue in the presence of the President of the United States, members of his cabinet, generals of the army and some three or four hundred members of the Institute of Homœopathy, and a vast crowd of people gave official recognition in the Capital of the nation to the memory of one who, though a foreigner and a sectarian practitioner of medicine, wielded an influence which will extend far beyond the appreciation of those who participated in the ceremony.

It was a great day for the Institute. It was a greater day for homœopathy, and marks an epoch in the history of our school, the influence of which will be world-wide.

In the evening the President threw open the White House, and, with Mrs. McKinley (who is somewhat of an invalid and is not often present on public occasions), received all the members of the Institute and their ladies. The White House was decorated with flowers, as it has rarely been, members of the cabinet, many of them accompanied by their wives, representatives from the army and navy, and the Surgeon-General in his official capacity, all welcomed us most cordially.

A feature making the occasion most enjoyable, was that the monument was dedicated without a dollar of indebtedness. The money was all in the hands of the treasurer before the ceremony took place. Sixty thousand dollars, or £12,000 sterling, is a large sum to collect from our school, even in this great country. Words cannot describe the beauty of the monument itself. The pictures and photographs give a very inadequate idea of it.