

STATE HOMEOPATHIC SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING AT THE MIDDLETOWN INSANE ASYLUM—PAPERS READ ON MENTAL AND NERVOUS DISEASES.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Sept. 17.—The twenty-seventh semi-annual meeting of the New-York State Homeopathic Medical Society convened at the State Homeopathic Asylum for the Insane, at Middletown, to-day for a two days' session. There was a very large attendance of prominent physicians of the school from New-York City, Brooklyn, and other cities in the State, including a number of female physicians. Dr. William Gulick, of Watkins, presided. Fletcher Harper, the President of the society, was unable to be present. On arrival by special car from New-York, the physicians were driven about the city and afterward to the asylum. There they were conducted by officers through the different wards, after which a collation was served in the corridor. An address of welcome was delivered by Dr. Seldon H. Talcott, Medical Superintendent of the asylum, and was responded to by President Gulick. A harmonious session was held, and an unusual number of interesting papers read on mental and nervous diseases, among them, on "State Prison or Lunatic Asylum," by S. Lilienthal, M. D., of New-York, read by his son; "Indications and Observations for the Use of 1-4 Remedies in the Treatment of Insanity," by William M. Butler, M. D., first Assistant Physician of the asylum; "Mechanical Appliances in the Treatment of Insanity," by Dr. N. Emmons Paine, Second Assistant Physician, one of which appliances was feeding obstinate patients by a flexible rubber tube inserted through the nose, and injecting fluid nourishment; "Uterine Examination of Female Patients," by Dr. Georgianna Horton, female medical assistant; "Progress in Insanity," by Superintendent Talcott. Under the head of the Bureau of Materia Medica and Pharmacy, a paper was read by Dr. C. M. Conant, of Middletown, on the use of carbolic acid, creosote, and petroleum. Under the Bureau of Clinical Medicine, Dr. Brown, of Binghamton, discussed medical combination, likening the attempt to unite the three dominant schools to a hunter leveling a three-barreled gun at a hamming-bird. Dr. Cowl, of Ward's Island Homeopathic Hospital, read a paper on secondary or immediate causes of death, naming three principal ones, based upon 60 cases. These were failure of blood, lungs, or nervous system. Dr. Blumenthal read a paper on "Homeopathy, its Sphere of Action in Relation to Clinical Medicine." In the evening a banquet was given by the asylum Trustees and members of the Orange County Homeopathic Medical Society.