

comprehend the fact that the recognition and advocacy of the false theory of dynamization *must cease*; not because the low-potency party desire its dissolution—but because it is the embodiment of error and, from the homeopathic point of view, of error *only*.

"This hypothetical method of practice has had its ephemeral existence, as chiefest of 'medical illusions,' and has been discarded by a large proportion of the membership of the homeopathic school. Every day that we allow this empirical method to be taught at our medical colleges, we are *acting a lie*! Every day that we listen to reports of these nondescript dynamic cases, at the meetings of our societies, and publish them as homeopathic, without protest, we are *acting a lie*! In the interests of truth, therefore, the work of elimination will go forward.

"It is well that the attention of our school is being called to this important subject, and it is desirable that measures be inaugurated for the removal of all professors in our colleges who represent these obnoxious doctrines, and the appointment in their places of others who will teach sounder and more rational principles.

"Dr. H. W. Taylor says: 'This small motley host of our colleges. They do not teach homeopathic therapeutics. Hence, there is a growing demand that they be retired, and Low Diction homeopaths be put in their places.'*

"It will be useless to attempt the changes in the faculties of our medical colleges until after this singular form of medical error has been openly repudiated by the homeopathic school. As the sentiments that are approved at meetings of our large associations reflect, with a good degree of accuracy, the views of a majority of the profession, the wisest course that I can suggest is, that all practice with potencies higher than the 12th be classed as dynamic. To this no one can reasonably object. It does not in the least interfere with the rights or privileges of the members.† It merely places, for future observation and analysis, the results of this evidently non-homeopathic method of practice in a department by itself.

"This once accomplished, thereafter true Homeopathy will not be embarrassed by the humiliating association with that which is purely fictitious, visionary

* *New York Medical Times*, Dec., 1881, page 287.

† The *raison* of this gentleman is truly refreshing. See his reasoning. He says: Let us declare that all practice with potencies above the 12th is dynamic. Reporting "nondescript dynamic cases" is "*acting a lie*." To this declaration (i. e., classing potencies above the 12th dynamic) "no one can reasonably object!"

So according to this innocent-low-potency-true-homeopath no man should "reasonably object" to being classed as a "*lie*." Others are probably more sensitive for their fair name than the Albany statesman-physician.

By what scientific reasoning does this arrogant declare that the limit of potentiation is reached at the 12th? Does he arrogate unto himself the power of God, and say: Thus far and no farther shalt thou go? Or does he say: Let my laziness and incompetency be the limit beyond which science cannot go?

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and hypothetical. The question of the *small dose* (not the minimum dose, which has been the principal disturbing element in our school), will then assume much more manageable proportions."

We quote these passages, not from any great importance the writer possesses, for he is merely a straw, floating on the stream of mongrel eclecticism; but since straws show the direction of the current, it behooves true homeopaths to take note of them. When such twaddle can be openly published and circulated as genuine Homeopathy is it not time for the Hahnemannians to be *actively* working for their science? Is it not their *duty*, and should it not be their pleasure to do so? Passive adherence—i. e., work in the office and sick-room—to Hahnemannism is very good; but something more is needed at this time. Each Hahnemannian practitioner should join the I. H. Association and work for his science.

The writer of the above-quoted passages endeavors to make believe that the issue between homeopaths and eclectic is simply one of dose; that high potency and low potency are synonyms for homeopaths and eclectic. This he knows to be false. Many low-potency men are as good homeopaths as the advocate of the M or CM. For it is the manner in which one prescribes, not the dose used, which makes him an homeopathist or an eclectic.

From what we have said in our April issue and in the above, we have endeavored to set plainly before the profession the fact that there are two distinct parties in the so-called homeopathic school. The one representing eclectic methods and practice; the other, the principles and practice of Hahnemann. The time has now come when all practitioners must choose which party they will aid and assist. Will you retrograde or advance; be an eclectic or an homeopathist?

MISREPRESENTATIONS.

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There was a period when "*Fatal Errors*" were freely advocated by professing homeopaths, but the most prominent of them being exposed in some of the homeopathic journals, an apparent cessation of their promulgation was the result. Of late, a much more dangerous and much more detestable mode of attempted perversion of Homeopathy into eclecticism has been resorted to by professing homeopaths. This new mode of proceeding consists in "*Mis-*

representations." To point them all out and expose them as they are presented to the profession in the pretended homœopathic journals, would be an herculean task, and we shall, therefore, only notice the most outrageous.

At the December, 1881, meeting of the Philadelphia County Homœopathic Medical Society, a cleverly-written paper on the treatment of intermittent fever came up for discussion; the discussion was published in the April (1882) number of the *Hahnemannian Monthly* and was opened by the President of the *Hahnemann Club*, a member also of the Faculty of the *Hahnemann Medical College*. The misrepresentations in which this gentleman indulged are (as the only member of the Society who ventured to expose them, calls them) so outrageous that it becomes our very unpleasant duty to say a few words about them. In fact, the whole opening speech of the debate is one huge misrepresentation. From first to last the speaker misrepresents not only history, Hahnemann and his work and Homœopathy, but he misrepresents himself as a true homœopath when he claims superior success in treating intermittent fever with Chininum sulph. from the first trituration to massive doses. He says, he follows the precepts of Hahnemann, and prescribes for a totality of symptoms. He individualizes each case and gets all the symptoms, those that are most prominent and those that are least so, the modalities, etc., and having done this, he chooses that which is the *homœopathic* remedy for the case, and finds that this is in most cases, or, at least, in a very large percentage of them, Quinine. He believes that all his success in treating such cases is due to his close adherence to Homœopathy.

Comments.—Others, Hahnemann, Breunighausen, H. C. Allen and a host of old practitioners have declared time and again, that under the precepts of Hahnemann, professedly adhered to by the learned speaker, they have found China and Quinine to be the truly homœopathic remedy in but a *very small percentage* of cases of intermittent fever. There can be but one logical deduction drawn from the presentation of final results when the same laws were applied for the finding of the homœopathic remedy: when one or more persons find that "in our days," Quinine is the truly homœopathic remedy in almost all cases of intermittent fever, while the founder of the school and a host of his faithful disciples declare it to be but very seldom the curative homœopathic remedy; and that one logical deduction is—that one of two parties "misrepresents"

either his conception of, and the mode of practicing, Homœopathy, or his final results.

The learned speaker continues his misrepresentations; he says: "Is not Quinine the *Smithium* to intermittent fever, *par excellence*?" By Quinine, here, I mean Sulphate of Quinia, Peruvian Bark, China, Cinchonidia and others of that ilk. These are nearly identical, so far as their pathogenetic or curative effects are concerned."

Comments.—The men who have followed the precepts of Hahnemann say that Quinine and China are not identical; that they have common paroxysmal attacks of chill and fever, and both have violent, profuse perspiration, with thirst; that China has no thirst during the chill or during the hot stage, but thirst before the chill and before the hot stage, while Quinine has that *not unimportant* symptom, thirst, during the chill and during the hot stage. The learned speaker will find his misrepresentation of the identity of the Chinilks corrected if he will condescend to take up that most excellent little work on "Homœopathic Therapeutics of Intermittent Fever," by Dr. H. C. Allen, who has clearly differentiated between China and Quinine, on page 81.

The speaker goes on augmenting his misrepresentations when he says: "I have heard quite a good many lectures on Homœopathy, and one of the most frequently repeated statements made on such occasions, was to the effect that Hahnemann, while engaged in translating Cullen's *Materia Medica* into German, was dissatisfied with the explanation given by Mr. Cullen as to the action of Peruvian Bark in the cure of ague, and that he set himself to experiment with that drug, and found that when taken by a person in good health it produced symptoms very similar to those produced in an attack of ague. This, together with other experiments, led to Hahnemann finding that drugs would cure symptoms similar to those that they were capable of producing, or *similia similibus curantur*. Then Homœopathy may be said to have had its foundation laid on bark. Now, was Hahnemann mistaken in all this? And if he was, is it not possible that he was mistaken in other things just as well, and might not Homœopathy be an error altogether? But my experience proves to me that it is not, for just as Hahnemann found that bark would produce symptoms analogous to those of intermittent fever, I have found that bark, or its alkaloid or alkaloids, will cure genuine malarial intermittent fevers."

Comments.—The true history differs essentially from the above

clumsy misrepresentation, and we may as well remind the very eloquent misrepresenter that assertions and hearsay testimony are not "evidence." We now give documentary evidence to destroy the above misrepresentation. Taking up the second volume of Cullen's *Materia Medica*, we there find under Cinchona the following sentence written by a truthful and brainy man: "And whilst it (Cinchona) is allowed to be a very safe and very powerful remedy, the only question which remains respecting it is, under what circumstances it may be most properly employed." The question was asked in good faith and it implies that in some cases of its employment (and it was then, as now, the boasted specific remedy for intermittent fever), it was a curative remedy, that in other cases it failed just as Quinine fails in a large majority of cases, and if it does fail to cure, it never fails to frequently bring life-lasting misery and harm. Hahnemann, the great philosopher, did answer that question promptly after he had proved Peruvian bark on himself and others; and after he found that the peculiar symptoms, resembling those of intermittent fever, were just such symptoms as had been cured by Cinchona, the deduction forced itself on this "thinker" that these cures were brought about under the law of the similars. Hahnemann continued his labors, and now he is cruelly misrepresented by one of his pretended followers as having found out merely that bark would produce symptoms analogous to those of intermittent fever. He found out much more; he solved a question asked by Cullen, and he pointed out to us, who do read his writings, just what the circumstances are under which Cinchona must cure intermittent fever. Every true healer has been made familiar with the characteristic Cinchona and Quinine sick-making, and therefore health-restoring, effects on the human organism. Cullen and his contemporaries found that Cinchona would cure genuine and true malarial intermittent fever; Hahnemann found in what circumstances it may be most properly employed, and if the speaker indulges in a coarse misrepresentation of Hahnemann and of homeopathic history, he may as well indulge in his modest claim to have himself found that Quinine and the other China-like will cure genuine malarial intermittent fever. Ignoring willfully the great discoveries of the founder of our school, who so honestly and diligently worked for the benefit of our suffering humanity; ignoring all the characteristic symptoms of Cinchona, which Hahnemann gave the profession; ignoring the very preface to Cinchona written by Hahnemann; ignoring all character-

istic symptoms of other well-proved and well-known remedies applicable for the cure of "Intermittent Fever." We are really astonished to see how this learned man cunningly misrepresents other remedies. He lays down as one of the characteristic symptoms of *Natr. mur.*: "Chills commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.," while any tyro in *materia medica* knows that *Natr. mur.* shakes at 10 A. M. sharp, and that *Baptisia* shakes at 11 A. M.

When the gentleman, who shows himself so ignorant of Homeopathy, its literature and its *materia medica*, was asked in what dose he gave Quinine, his characteristic reply was: "In whatever dose I please or think will be best in the given case. 'Let no pent-up Ulica contract our powers. The whole boundless Continent is ours.'" Might he not as well have said (*Hahnemannian Monthly*, p. 215, vol. 4): "I take no stock in medical Popes and Bosses; I do not care a continental for Hahnemann, his observations, his teachings—not I. I believe in eclecticism, and desire to accomplish the perversion of Homeopathy into it. I believe in misrepresentations and in any auxiliary and supplementary means to accomplish this end. My opinion is supreme—let us be governed, as heretofore, by opinions, but avoid strict principles which establish 'laws.' No law for us. 'Let no pent-up Ulica contract our powers.'" Our limited space does not permit us to dwell on the misrepresentations, but logic and hard assertions developed in that "discussion;" in fact, we have served up enough of this unsavory dish to make the patient reader of these lines heart-sick and disgusted. Patience! Just let these men keep on uttering absurdities and Misrepresentations! Somebody will, in the near future, say—enough!

HERRING'S ANALYTICAL THERAPEUTICS: MIND AND DISPOSITION.*

Charles Lamb began an essay by saying, "of books that are not books, the first I shall mention is Josephus' History of the Jews." We reverse this and say, of books which are books we would first mention that the title of which is at the head of this review.

In these days, when the utterances of the kingly maker of proverbs is being so fearfully verified: "That of making many books there is no end," it is a rare experience when we can take in our

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