

*International Hahnemannian Association*

PARACELSUS AND FLUXION POTENCIES.

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re and health are not promoted thereby, but sickness, ease, and chronic invalidism commonly result.

If every Homeopathic physician who knows the truth, is trying to practice consistently with such knowledge, would do his or her full share in educating the masses, the hand from the people for Homeopathy, straight and true, would soon be irresistible, and the so-called "scientific," idlers and muddlers in medicine would be out of business. In fifty years, it might be ten or twenty-five years, even if it were a far greater advancement for Homeopathy, than is admitted to the nineteenth century.

We all recognize and acknowledge this fundamental principle of democracy, that true reforms, in advancing civilization, come from the people. Then why not give more time to the education of the people, rather than to the doctors. So long as the people are willing to be faked, are will be a premium for fakirs; but when the people know what is best for them, what they need, and demand a square deal, they will get it and not before. This is an opportunity for a crusade and I propose we begin immediately giving this two-fold purpose in view viz., first, the exposure publicity, of the so-called homeopathic doctor, who, in duplicity, substitutes compound tablets, serumtherapy and palliative crude drugs for homeopathic treatment.

Second, To sufficiently inform and educate the laity regarding the principles and practice of Homeopathy, so that they can easily know a true Homeopath and distinguish between him and the fraudulent mixer who now claims to present Homeopathy.

This society and every true disciple of Hahnemann could promptly join such a crusade, and get into, and stay in, the missionary field for Homeopathy. Get back to the people, as Hahnemann gave it to the world and pass it along to the people. The common people who heard the great truth giver gladly, will bear any truth giver gladly, while the scribes and pharisees, and the politicians in "scientific" medicine will "pass it up" as they always have.

In my criticism on Dr. Kunkel's essay on "Kraft and Stoff" where the efficiency of the inert waters in the watering places of Gasten Weldbad, etc. was attributed to the vibrations of the Ether in answer to a suggestion putting it on the atmospheric pressure, I ventured to say, that it was owing to natural potentiation by fluxion in as much as the waters running underground over stones and over other substances take up the medicinal forces with which they are endowed and hence when coming to the light of day prove so efficacious for healing.

It was on the 20th of May, 1863 while making the 9000th potency of Thuja occ. with a machine on the Korsakoff-plan that the first idea of fluxion potentiation came to me. I find in my notes the following remark: "The thought came to me, that nature accomplishes such potentiations only by fluxion and the finer potentiations are effected by finer fluxion which when it is only continued steadily as I have observed at Lake George also produces lasting formations."

This was written forty-two years ago. The action of the high potencies on this plan has justified the truth of this idea. How much was I surprised when I found recently in an essay by Dr. E. Schlegel, read before the German Homoeopathischen Central Verein in Salsburg and published in Dr. Vollers' Archiv für Homoeopathy in 1898, on Paracelsus studies the very idea just mentioned which was expressed by that great physician and natural philosopher in the first decades of the sixteenth century in the following words: "He (Paracelsus) gives a very good geognostic description of the origin of the different healing springs and of the manner by which the waters derive forces in their course through rocks and ripe and unripe ores." The following is the identical quotation from the works of Paracelsus in

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a second tract on natural springs: "Where many minerals are lying and chalk and a hidden water course tends to come to the light of day would have to run through such regions, it must unite with their mineral use and must receive the heat (Hitz, meaning the life force) and nature of the same, therefore come to the light of day and exp also its heat (Hitz, life force) which it has received internally."

This shows, that Paracelsus who was the forerunner of a Hahnemannian idea of the dynamicity of diseases and medicines was also the forerunner of his idea of potentiality. Not that Hahnemann had stolen his discovery of homeopathy from the great medieval reformator of medicine as ill advised physicians have maintained, for Paracelsus was in Hahnemann's time only known as a charlatan and Hahnemann alone, who himself repudiated the base situation with indignation, belongs the honor and the right of having brought the homeopathic healing art and science into the world by his own experiments and observations. Nor could the production of fluxion potencies which is established forty two years ago here in the United States of America be laid to his credit. But it is certainly remarkable, how a correct idea will never die and even after centuries of obstacles will be brought to the light of day, in the hidden underground water courses running along incessantly to form and increase the small and great rivers and the innumerable springs for the benefit of humanity.

The coincidence of the ideas of the two great reformers of medicine redound to their immortal glory and at the 10th year celebration of Hahnemann's birthday we should not forget that of the older physician, since both of these spite of all opposition, conquered in introducing their irrepressible ideas to an unbelieving old school of regular physicians.

Twenty-five years have passed since the International Hahnemannian Association was founded on the rock of Hahnemannian Homeopathic principles which it has never forsaken and its annals are the living proofs of it and of its

beneficent work in the service of homeopathic art and science and universal human progress. This testimony promises in the future a continuation of its praiseworthy exertions for the best of the human race all over the world.

Adjourned until 10 A. M. next day, June 23rd.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

President:—Members will please to come to order. As there is some business to be transacted we will have a short business session before opening the next bureau.

P. E. Krichbaum:—I have received a letter that I would like to read:

MACON, MO., June 17th, 1905.

P. E. Krichbaum, M. D., My Dear Doctor:—

Your obliging letter just received; I feel under great obligations to you for your kindness. Will you please hold a set of the I. H. A. Transactions until August 10th, next. I have just educated two Hahnemannian doctors. The oldest is in Denver just making a living practice, the youngest has just completed his studies in Louisville, Ky., and will make a start in Kentucky. In educating them I had to mortgage my home in order to help them all I could. Fraternally yours,

W. P. C. BUTTMAN, M. D.

P. E. Krichbaum:—There is something that should appeal to us; I move that the Treasurer be authorized to send a set of the Transactions to Dr. Buttman free gratis.

H. C. Allen:—I agree very heartily with Dr. Krichbaum's remarks. One of Dr. Buttman's sons took a post graduate course at Hering College and is an evidence that Dr. Buttman, the elder, is doing and has done everything in his power to promote the education of his sons in true Homeopathy. I second the motion of Dr. Krichbaum.

President:—Any remarks?

Carried.

President:—The Board of Censors have a report to make which we will hear now.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CENSORS.

B. Le Baron Baylies:—The Board recommend that the following individuals be elected to membership in the Association, they having complied with the requirements:

Anna Doyen, Waukegan, Ill.  
 D. E. Furnall, 7478 Maple Boul., Maplewood, St. Louis.  
 Geo. F. Frash, Metamora, Ohio.  
 O. L. Garlinghouse, Iola, Kansas.  
 B. L. Hotchkin, 2521 Kenmore Ave., Chicago.  
 Florence L. Barnes, 6132 Monroe Ave., Chicago.  
 Prudence Fennimore, 328 S. D. St., Hamilton, Ohio.  
 P. L. Mackenzie, Portland, Oregon.  
 A. P. Bowie, Uniontown, Pennsylvania.  
 J. Boland, Kansas City, Kansas.  
 John Hutchinson, 78 East 55th St., New York.  
 E. T. Adams, Toronto, Canada. (Reinstated).  
 Julia C. Loos, 705 N. 2nd St., Harrisburg, Pa.  
 W. H. Freeman, 263 Arlington Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 W. L. Freeman, Toledo, Washington.  
 John H. Shall, 141 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Eleanor Beatty, Pana, Illinois.  
 Frances D. Bloomington, 6132 Kenmore Ave., Chicago.  
 Geo. J. Augur, Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands.  
 Carolyn E. Putnam, Kansas City, Kansas.  
 P. E. Krichbaum:—I move that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for the Association for these individuals as named in the report. Seconded. Carried.  
 The Secretary cast the ballot and they were elected.  
 B. LeBaron Baylies:—I have also to recommend the following names as Associate members, they having complied with the requirements of that grade of membership:  
 Eugene Coffin, Monticello, Ill.  
 Ernest Franz, Berne, Indiana.  
 J. E. Frasc, Logan, Ohio.  
 Henry C. Aldrich, Minneapolis, Minn.  
 J. W. Waffensmith, 2254 Wheeler St., Cincinnati, O.  
 M. Annette Campbell, 170 E. 39th St., Chicago, Ill.  
 Carl V. Urbom, Rockford, Ill.  
 H. S. Llewellyn, 55 State St., Chicago, Ill.  
 Milton Rice, Hilo, Hawaiian Islands.  
 S. Goswami, 215 Chowingee Road, Calcutta, India.  
 Sophie G. Klencck, 385 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Verne C. Baldwin, Greentown, Indiana.  
 John A. Kirkpatrick, 4840 Evans Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
 C. H. Cannon, 492 La Salle Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
 Chas. F. Nichols, Boston, Mass.  
 J. V. Blood, Jones, Michigan.

Myra R. Hewitt, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

H. C. Allen:—I move that the report be accepted and the individuals named be elected to Associate membership. Seconded. Carried.

B. LeBaron Baylies:—The Board also recommends that Dr. W. L. Reed, of St. Louis, be placed upon the roll of Honorable Seniors.

The Secretary read the resignations of Dr. E. E. Reinger and Addie E. F. Gray, both of which were accepted.

In place of a scientific session on the evening of Friday, the second day of the meeting, the members and their friends assembled in the dining hall of the hotel and celebrated the quarter century mark of the existence of the Society, as well as the 150th year since Hahnemann's birth.

After an excellent repast Dr. J. B. S. King took the floor as toast-master, calling upon various speakers for appropriate toasts. Dr. G. P. Waring read a poem excellent in sentiment and impeachable in its meter upon the subject of Hahnemann as a philosopher; Dr. H. C. Allen responded to the toast "History and Work of the International Hahnemannian Association." Dr. T. F. Smith also gave an interesting account of some of the early meetings. "The Simple Life" of Hahnemann was responded to by Dr. Stuart Close, Dr. J. T. Kent made some appropriate remarks upon the "Spirit of Hahnemann," "Personal Reminiscences of Hahnemann" were given by Mr. John Young, of Clinton, Iowa.

Drs. R. F. Rabe, Julia C. Loos and Anna Doyen made excellent speeches of appropriate sentiments. The occasion formed an agreeable interlude in the more purely medical work of the meeting and was voted a success by all present.