

## LYCOPodium

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When the Chairman wrote requesting a paper for this Bureau, I quickly responded, for in these perilous days I am glad to be used in defending the Law of Cure; not defending in the sense of warfare, but in *standing*. Truth needs no defense. We gain nothing for a cause by spending time and strength in tearing down false teaching; false teaching dies naturally; we need to follow quietly, and teach the truth.

Today when we hear such startling reports of what the new, but unproved, remedies are doing the temptation to make a short cut comes to us all. Experimentation never makes truth; it does confirm it. Let us keep our eyes, or have them kept, on the Law; study the proved remedies; watch our patients carefully; give the remedy an opportunity to cure the sick ones.

Give the glory to God to whom it alone belongs.

I chose the subject *Lycopodium*, Club Moss, because when the call for a paper came I was studying a patient for whom *Lycopodium* had been doing its best work, since February 1943, but the patient was not being cured.

Who was at fault? The patient, the remedy or the doctor? The doctor and patient were both involved. The doctor needed to give more time to instruct the patient what to do for himself that the remedy might do better work.

We need to be reminded many times over that we are dealing with spirit, soul and body. We should always remember that the spirit is the most important and often the most neglected.

Unless the sick person has been born spiritually he is not having available help in being cured. The doctor should be faithful in directing the patient to this truth.

The case of which I am speaking is a tall, thin man, 43 years old. A farmer and mechanic; uneducated and having no desire to take time to learn. Has a wife and

two children. All live in a hot coal-heated kitchen; when not well, he is on a couch back of the stove in a corner; windows shut; subject to bilious spells when younger. Many head and chest colds; bloated; eats imprudently. Full as soon as begins to eat.

Beginning in February 1943 with *Lycopodium* 2c., he has carried on an active life; a series of boils, a bad carbuncle on neck; styes and disordered stomach have been met and overcome by potencies of *Lycopodium*, the last a 10M.

Now, if the Word of God is fed upon and followed, that man may have supernatural help in fighting a winning battle. He can read and he must. Without that supernatural help he is depressed and discouraged, both of which aid disease. During the last winter the bronchial tubes have become involved and x-ray indicates a tubercular trend. The dose of *Lycopodium* always clears the symptoms but through carelessness every time a fresh cold comes on, and sooner or later more alarming symptoms, and the patient is worse.

You may say another remedy should follow but the totality of symptoms does not call for such.

Life from the spirit reaches out through the soul and finally to the body; then the diseased organs, and food is interfered with and thus loss of strength.

"The duty of the physician is to heal the sick." Scientific research deals today with a search for the results of disease; the beginnings are not recognized. Homœopathic philosophy takes man back as far as man's mind can go, but the Holy Spirit takes him to the beginning, and it is the Word of God, which in the beginning was God.

Let us not be afraid of any of the recent discoveries but let us not turn aside from what we *know* to what men think. Human life is too precious. The old and well-proved remedies *are* doing most wonderful things today, but Truth must be followed and obeyed. The King of Kings *is* coming. Let us breathe deep and be glad!

## DISCUSSION

DR. GRIMMER: Well, I am not going to let this paper go by. I don't like to be on my feet all the time, but it is too fine a paper to let it go without discussion. Dr. Lewis plainly shows that she is familiar with the best of our homœopathic philosophy. She has added to that the deeper philosophy, the philosophy that must lead us back to the beginning of things, back to the source of all good. That is one of the things that made Hahnemann great. He recognized the power of divine help and it was as much his faith as his tremendous intellect that made him able against all obstacles, against a world that was in rebellion, against the poverty, against everything that could kill off and discourage any ordinary being.

It was that faith in divine providence, and I am glad that the doctor brought this out to us. It is something that the doctor should be able to instill in his patients not only give to his patients the advantage of the homœopathic *simillimum* but he should be able to give him some of these higher things. Some patients are not able to take them in a diversified form but at least in some simple form the physician should try to bring forth the faith in divine providence and remind them that only from that source is he able to heal.

DR. BONNELL: I always like to hear a paper from Dr. Lewis. I was thinking as she brought out reference to the All High Power, I have told my patients for years and years that I never cured a patient in my life. I tell my patients that God cures the patient, I merely help God by trying to select the remedy. I want to give a little experience of mine.

For thirteen Christmases I have made my calls as Christmas presents and I take a pastor with me. I have had some pastors converted to homœopathy on Christmas day. If you don't think it will work, just give your calls on Christmas Day and ask some pastor to go along and

he comes to the bedside and you tell your patients that the call is your Christmas gift.

If a pastor is going to get interested at all in homœopathy, once you find he is interested in it he will begin to inquire, "I don't know much about this. You know that lady there in bed said she was better. She was nearly dead."

I am thinking particularly of one pastor that I took with me on Christmas Day. I was working for homœopathy and he was working for his church. He was the pastor of the Methodist Church. He got four members for his church and five for the Baptist Church. It was a successful day.

I want to give you one experience of that day. I wouldn't have time to tell it all. But this one man was thoroughly sold on homœopathy when our Christmas Day was over. It was a pneumonia case. The patient was a member of the Baptist Church, hadn't been to church for eight or ten years, discouraged and down and out. The patient didn't want to get well, didn't care to, had no inclination to improve.

It was just at the turning point and the favourite youngest son of the family and his wife and three children had come in and they were in the room. I would tell the preacher about each family or patient before we got there; he had a little Testament in his pocket and he would read a verse and we all had prayer. He gave a very consoling talk to this good old lady and said, "You are going to get better, I know. God is going to heal you."

The next morning when I had made my call there, during the night the patient had had the most restful night and had passed the crisis and knew herself that she was going to get well. He had suggested she would get well and go back to church again. Well, when he held a revival service twenty miles from where this son and wife and three children lived, that farmer got in the wagon and with his two chairs and the children sitting on the bottom of the wagon, and he drove the four miles to hear this

preacher preach and when he called for people to come forward, why this old boy and his wife could hardly take time to go down the aisle. They were ready to knock a chair over and that man and his wife and children all were taken in the first night and before this Methodist crowd he said, "Now, Lee, I want to tell you, I understand how this all came about." He said, "Your mother is a fine old Christian Baptist member and I am not preaching a Baptist revival here. You go back and join the Baptist Church with your mother. I am preaching for God and when I knelt by the bedside of your mama, I was praying for that homœopathic doctor that was interested in the welfare of your mother and you go back and join her church."

The finest thing is what Dr. Lewis brought out, not to forget the influence of the divine power above.

DR. BRYANT: I have to leave for my train leaves soon, and I have one very important thought to leave with this essayist and thank her for the paper. I have tried since I have been here to show you the connection between physics and our remedy and the physics and the human body. I have a strange thing to tell you and that is the connection between physics proper and God himself. That came about in a very unusual way.

I met with Professor Ringstrom of Chicago and, by the way, I am on the way back now to the University of Chicago. I was talking to him about this energy. He is not a homœopathist, he is a physicist and has been a physicist and a materialist all his life and the more we delved into this question, the more he tried to get it clear to me just what this connection is.

This is what he said. "We live in the universe and we consider the universe a very great something but that is after all a limited space. In spite of the fact we look upon our sun as such a great thing, yet in this universe, small as it is, there are suns thousands of times larger than our sun. The little planet in which we live isn't visible at all in the great universe." Beyond this universe is

something that he described as an unlimited space and in this unlimited space arise the cosmic rays. The cosmic rays are spirals and they come down through the unlimited space and as soon as they strike our universe they are converted for the first time into electromagnetic rays. It is the electromagnetic rays that keep our sun going.

Otherwise, it would have gone out millions of years ago. It is electromagnetic rays that give our vegetables their strength, our vegetables give us our strength, and therefore we are a result of cosmic rays. He got that far.

I said, "Now, Professor Ringstrom, I understood you the first time. I have still got a son. Now I want to know, please explain to me where the cosmic rays come from." With that he turned to me and said, "Dr. Bryant, there is but one explanation and that is God."

He said, "I have been a materialist all my life and I am acquainted with many of the prominent physicists all over the world and we are all agreed that is God."

For the first time, in my life, from the standpoint of physics, I was able to connect God in a different way than I had ever connected it before. So I want to say thanks again to the essayists. I want to thank you men for the privilege of presenting this subject.

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## LYCOPodium CLAVATUM

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The name *Lycopodium* comes from the Greek words *lykos*, meaning wolf, and *podos*, meaning foot, so it is sometimes called Wolf's foot or more commonly club moss. The moss grows in all parts of the world, especially in the northern countries.

*Lycopodium* in mass, is a pale yellow powder, so very mobile that its behaviour is like that of a liquid when the vessel holding it is inclined from side to side. Under