

work under, never be afraid to revise a mistaken diagnosis. That is how we learn.

I thank you all for the patient hearing you have given me and as far as shall be able to in the future, allow me to serve you and our cause as best as I can.

*Jai Hind*

## HOMOEOPATHIC OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE

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Members of the Illinois State Homœopathy Society, colleagues and friends : it is both a privilege and a pleasure to address you on this happy occasion.

Our subject concerning the status of Homœopathy is especially interesting and vital to us all. Most of us here today can look back some thirty years and recall Homœopathy as an independent, militant, expanding minority group in medicine ; well organized with numerous active colleges, efficiently run and turning out an annual supply of young doctors, more than sufficient to replace the older adherents that may have dropped out. We were also supplied with many high class medical journals to meet all our needs and, better still, our clientele were the wealthiest and most influential among the country's citizens.

Today, we stand the remnant of the Old Guard of that grand army of homœopathic physicians which sprung up in America from a small group of homœopaths of unusual ability and tireless energy and irrepressible enthusiasms. By the sheer power of their incomparable healing, they built colleges and hospitals, established periodicals and medical societies that spread over the length and breadth of our nation. They added new remedies and new provings and built up new techniques in homœopathic research to expand and perfect the homœopathic materia medica and philosophy. Their myriads of papers on clinical medicine and confirmed cures make up many volumes

of medical lore of priceless worth which must be preserved for the future.

That is one reason why our state societies must be maintained by however few of us that may be left to carry on. This picture of slow, steady decline in our fortunes can in no sense be encouraging.

But there is another side for us to note and ponder on. Traditional and empirical medicine is today in a most chaotic state. The ballyhoo and extravagant claims made for the so called healing power of the wonder drugs and antibiotics have not only fallen down as flat failures of cure, but they have become the number one health menace according to some of the leading physicians of the old school, producing conditions of disease (especially intestinal) for which there is no remedy.

The too frequent application of the antibiotics renders them inert against the bacteria that the initial doses of the drug at first controlled. We are told certain bacteria are needed to control and inhibit some of the more deadly fungi and viruses that invade the organism at times, and when the balance between the bacteria and viruses is disturbed by the antibiotics, new and terrible disease conditions obtain as a result of this imbalance between germs and viruses.

With the so called progress of medical science with its numerous massed inoculations constantly taking place from the cradle to the grave, together with the deadly sulpha drugs and ever increasing varieties of antibiotics, the race is fast becoming cancerous, that is, that part of it not afflicted with heart and kidney disease or mental incompetency.

All these maladies have increased for an alarming percentage of the population in the past thirty-seven years, since 1917 when the United States went into World War One. From this we plainly see that medical progress is impotent against cancer, heart and kidney disease and mental deterioration. These killers and destroyers move

on with increasing deadliness, unchecked and untouched by anything empirical medicine has to offer as an agent of help or restraint against the implacable onslaught of disease everywhere about us.

Homœopathic medicine is the only agent in the world today adequate to cope with the diseased conditions that beset us on all sides. Homœopathy in conjunction with proper hygiene and sanitation, together with correct dietary measures, alone can save the world from its massed suicidal tendencies imposed by many forms of state medicine.

Polluted air in highly industrialized areas; poisoned water supplies from the compulsory use of harmful chemicals put into the water by edict of law and municipal regulations; inoculations which are blood poisoners (the product of disease itself) for the vast array of every acute disease known and tabulated constitute some of the disease-making causes afflicting us today. Because Homœopathy removes causes, constitutional and environmental, is the reason for its success where other methods have failed.

From these cited facts we can see why Homœopathy can survive through adverse times and circumstances; it is nurtured by the fountain of eternal truth and it will rise again and again to face the tyranny of error.

Because Homœopathy and homœopathic physicians are needed so badly today to meet the dread scourge of disease in its hydra-headed forms is reason enough for us all to put forth our best efforts to restore this boon of the healing art, not only to its recent past glory but to the sunlit heights of supreme medical achievement in terms of cure. From our predecessors we have inherited a mass of precious knowledge built up for us with infinite toil and great sacrifice. Shall we, the custodians of that knowledge, permit it to lie dormant and useless while so many sufferers languish and perish for the need of it? Or shall we go forward in the face of obstacles and opposition as

the brave pioneers of Homœopathy did in the early years of its inception?

Here in this land of ours, a few dauntless souls, imbued with the love of truth, in a few decades built up a wondrous and complete new system of healing, founded colleges and hospitals, launched periodicals, formed state and local societies that covered our nation from ocean to ocean and spread beyond our borders to our Canadian neighbors on the north and our Mexican neighbors on the south.

What a few men accomplished with nothing but their own indomitable will and courage, we, their privileged successors and benefactors, surely can do, armed as we are today with the means and instrumentalities they created for us to use in the great cause of a truly natural healing art. Already organized Homœopathy is at work planning to educate more physicians in the homœopathic way and to enlighten an anxiously waiting laity of the superiority of homœopathic medicine that cures without leaving consequential injurious side effects and at a cost that is within the means of the humbler members of society. In fact, the mounting cost of medical service is fast becoming a serious economical factor of our time. The reduced financial aspects involved in homœopathic medicine may well be one of the impelling forces compelling universal acceptance by the public and governmental agencies as well.

In Europe, in India, in Mexico, in Brazil and in the Argentine, Homœopathy is spreading fast with well equipped colleges and agencies to educate and license a constant stream of new, young physicians to expand and enrich the ranks of Homœopathy in all these respective countries.

Now is the time for us to move on the wave of homœopathic upsurge that is occurring everywhere in the world today. We can not fail because we are strong in the knowledge that our cause is implemented by the force of the unchanging natural Law of Similars. The complete picture of Homœopathy's past and present status presents an

aspect the nature of which depends on what we homœopaths do now. If we begin building and organizing our forces constructively, we can start an upsurge in our fortunes that will place us on the highest pinnacle of success to attain wide public recognition.

We need to publicize Homœopathy as a superior method of cure minus any side effects. Layman's Leagues, magazines and bulletins, regularly and discriminately sent out to the proper and most susceptible places and people, can accomplish much useful help to aid us in our aims. We must educate and obtain many more homœopathic doctors and help place them in strategic places all over our country.

To do these things we must organize and build up all our homœopathic medical societies, county, state and national, into enthusiastic, militant groups who are willing to work and make sacrifices in time and money for the consummation of these ends.

The accomplishment of these desirable ends, viz., the recognition and establishment of homœopathic medicine as an important asset to general medicine for the good of all, will insure the future welfare of all posterity and lay the groundwork for a healthier and better race. The realization of this desirable boon will be ample reward for all the effort and sacrifice we may make to obtain it.

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