

GLEANINGS FROM THE MASTER

"It is foolish to doubt the *possibility* of that which in reality takes place, . . . since that which *actually happens* must at least be possible". (Life of Hahnemann—Rosa W. Hobhouse. P. 256-7).

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"The capacity for accurate observation, is perhaps never quite hereditary; it must be acquired for the greater part by practice, by refining and correcting sense-impressions, that means, perfecting by *strict criticism* our quickly formed opinions of external objects, and *the cool and tranquil firmness of our judgement* must remain under the *constant supervision of mistrust* in our power of comprehension. The great importance of this, our object, must be to *direct body and soul* on these observations, and a much exercised *patience*, upheld by strong *will power*, must fortify us in this respect until the completion of our observations," (*Italics—J.K.*) (Samuel Hahnemann—R. Haehl. Vol. II. P. 107. Suppl. 61).

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"Our science requires no political levers, no worldly decorations. At present it grows with slow progress amid the abundance of weeds which luxuriate about it; it grows unobserved, from an unlikely acorn into a little plant; soon may its head be seen overtopping the tall weeds. Only wait—it is striking deep its roots in the earth; it is strengthening itself imperceived, but all the more certainly in its own time it will increase, till it becomes an oak of God, whose arms unmoved by the wildest storm, stretch in all directions, that the suffering children of men may be revived under its beneficent shadow". —Letter to Stapf. 19th Sept. 1815; (Ibid, P. 104, Suppl. 60).

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"We must perpetuate and increase. The great forces of our lands are dying out because there is not constant growth

of saplings, they can only be perpetuated by the seeds, which drop from the grown trees, and so it is in life. The *young men and women are the seeds, our colleges the trees*, its teachings *if conscientious* will bear fruit. They will be our insurance against the future, they are the timber of to-morrow. You may not need them now, but as the years roll on and your powers fail and you can no longer stand the strain because of declining years, the skill and knowledge and the confidence which you have instilled within them will protect your past efforts and warrant the continuance of prosperity for the future. (*Italics* —J.K.)

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“Hold on to your boys and girls, they are valuable to you. You have a need for them that they may continue the fight which you have so gloriously waged in the past”. (Hahnemann).

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