

and training in adolescent years in the school at St. Afra, where every visitor finds even today the same motto indelibly written in the inner hall.

BANQUET ADDRESS

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Members and Colleagues of the Southern Homœopathic Medical Society and the Pan American Homœopathic Medical Congress, Visitors and Friends : It is a great privilege to meet you and to address you with a message from the American Institute of Homœopathy.

It is a pleasant duty to extend felicitations from the Institute to the Southern on this memorable occasion here in the historic city of New Orleans where the Southern had its inception sixty-nine years ago. Sixty-nine years of faithful homœopathic service to the world and to our country has earned the gratitude and admiration of homœopaths everywhere. A more propitious time for this eventful meeting of unified homœopathic forces could not be had than now.

From every section of our country come urgent requests for homœopathic doctors. We have not nearly enough of them to go around but we do have the potential means of making them by the establishment of a homœopathic correspondence course which can be followed later by a post graduate course in homœopathic therapeutics, philosophy and practice.

Many doctors of the regular school are not entirely satisfied with the results of modern medical practice ; they are waiting for something better that is devoid of the enervating side effects attending much of the more recent medication now used for acute ailments, such as antibiotics, barbiturates, coal tar derivatives, etc. We need but show them, by way of the homœopathic concept and law, the superiority of homœopathic practice in terms of cure to awaken their desire for the knowledge that will enable them to obtain superior and more satis-

factory results in their private practices. Once that interest is awakened and when Homœopathy is put to the test by them, more homœopathic physicians will come into being equipped to serve humanity with the divine Law of Cure, for homœopathy is truly God-given and Hahnemann was the gifted instrument that was privileged to bring it to his fellows the world over.

In many states of the Union, osteopathic physicians are permitted to qualify for medical practice. A large portion of these graduates are already sympathetic to Homœopathy and when they learn the great demand existing for homœopathic doctors and when, at the same time, they are informed how quickly they can acquire the necessary knowledge to enable them to do good homœopathic work, it will take but a short time for homœopathy to expand over the length and breadth of our land bringing a new era in our time when the Hippocratic Oath and Pledge will not be a hollow mockery dominated by a selfish and insatiable code of commercialism in medicine.

The inspired healers of olden times, who lived lives of purity and integrity that they might be infused with the powers emanating from the Source of all power and thereby perform better service to the sick whom they were privileged to comfort and restore, shall again seem to appear in our midst and multiply many fold in the near future. The better men in all schools of medical thought today are striving to correct abuses in medical practice that are the outgrowth of selfishness and greed. The true healer finds his greatest reward for the most part in the restoration of his patient to health and any system that advances the progress of healing for the betterment of the race is certain of being accepted by steadily growing numbers of progressively informed people.

Those who have tasted the fruits of homœopathic practice and have received the benefits of such practice need not be told of its benign power for good. Our appeal must be made to the great mass of folks who obtain their knowledge of things medical from newspaper accounts and advertisements, set in glowing terms and generalities, of the success of the numerous experimental drugs that have deluged this generation, drugs

whose certain deleterious side effects are not mentioned until after the damage is done and the truth has become apparent even to the dullest.

Undaunted by failure after failure, the manufacturing chemists and pharmacists continue to ply their trade which is eminently successful financially but sub-zero in cure. Yes, it is the victims of commercialism in medicine who need our efforts and time to show them the true nature of disease and the means to its cure.

Besides the abuse from drastic drugs, there are many more health-destroying forces in our midst that constantly undermine public health and pave the way for the more serious forms of disease such as cancer, chronic kidney and heart disease, as well as the degenerative blood diseases frequently met with and the vast number suffering from mental and emotional conditions listed under the heading of nervous breakdowns and mental incompetency.

Also, many of today's ills are the results of processed and adulterated foods, as well as food poisoned by chemical preservatives, meat tenderized by chemicals (sodium glycolate). The sprays used on growing fruits and vegetables are highly toxic and small amounts invested over a period of time can build up serious symptoms of illness. Foods prepared or contained in aluminum cooking utensils can cause chronic illness and even inhibit the action of curative remedies in the treatment of natural sickness.

The water supply is a constant source of illness and suffering. Water treated with chlorine, fluorine and other chemicals has caused infinitely more harm than any theoretical good it could do. These disturbing influences could be dispensed with if all who use water would have it boiled before using it. Those who doubt the power for evil that these chemicals possess need only read the provings of *Chlorine* and *Fluoric acid* in Clarke's *Dictionary of the Homœopathic Materia Medica*.

The use of aluminium chloride to soften water can prove very injurious if water treated with this chemical is used for drinking or cooking purposes.

Even the air we breathe is polluted and full of menace to

health, especially in highly industrialized areas as are found in many large cities like Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, Pittsburgh and many others too numerous to mention. Recent experiments on animals kept in the smog air that prevails in certain parts of Los Angeles indicate that definite cancer producing properties are inherent therein. The constantly increasing amounts of carbon dioxide and monoxide gases that are poured into the atmosphere from the myriads of autos incessantly operating around us everywhere is another appreciable source of air poisoning. These gases are known to have the power of disorganizing and destroying the oxygen carrying red blood cells and the loss of these cells results in forms of serious anemia and death.

The sick making power of alcohol and tobacco really need no scientific ban to condemn them and banish them from our midst, nevertheless they are strong factors in the causation of certain types of serious disease affecting the heart, lungs, liver and kidney.

We have mentioned these accessory causes of illness because the homœopathic doctor first must eliminate all causes of ill health in order to obtain successful action from the indicated remedy on the vital forces of his patient, thereby enabling him to produce a certain speedy and permanent cure.

Homœopathy has been referred to as the practice of sectarian medicine; this statement is not true because homœopathic leaders from the earliest time, including Hahnemann himself, have always endeavored to have the system incorporated into the curriculum of general medicine and to that end homœopaths have fought only for the recognition and acceptance of its principles that the world might be benefited by a better, safer and more economical means of healing.

From some quarters homœopaths have been called unscientific, but nowhere else in medical practice is a natural law invoked (the Law of Similia) to find the one needed medicine to fit the requirements of each individual patient. What a contrast to the hit or miss method of empirical medicine with its measuring stick of trial and error. In the mechanical sciences, empiricism or trial and error may be permissible where only

In the last thirty years, homœopathic physicians have employed the knowledge of this subtle form of physics to fit the homœopathic remedy to the needs of their sick patients with most gratifying results in terms of cure.

The development of this relatively new concept and its application to homœopathic needs will in the near future enable homœopathic physicians to accomplish a greater number of difficult cures than ever before. Cancer and many heretofore incurable conditions will be mastered by Homœopathy with the aid of this more complete and really scientific remedy selector.

In working to extend Homœopathy, we work for ourselves, our children and the whole world throughout all the future and what a boon that is to suffering and sick humanity. Then, for this truly good and worthwhile purpose, let us unite and work with heart and mind and body as we have never worked before to bring back into full bloom the beautiful healing flower of cure, Homœopathy, for the healing of the nations.

In closing I have a brief message from our colleagues from California through Dr. Carl Enstam who sends his felicitations and good wishes to the Southern and stresses the need for homœopathic unity and increased activity in our efforts to place Homœopathy on the high plane it deserves.

Dr. Enstam reminds us that our time is short and the success of our various projects can only come by planning ahead for all our meetings and in that way we can accomplish much more in a shorter time.

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