

## SCIENTIFIC EDUCATION

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The old school expects nothing from a man without a scientific education, and without it no one who ventures into Homœopathy can expect to accomplish anything either. A careful study of anatomy, physics, chemistry, botany, symptomatology and many other important subjects, as well as a broad classical education, belong to the training of a capable physician. The doctor must be a good judge of people and an astute observer, if he wants to attain anything like perfection. With all this knowledge he is still not a homœopath, however. He has merely acquired the ability to master the new system and to help to develop the skill that is based upon it. An uneducated person can, it is true, learn to cure a simple illness by means of Homœopathy, but the same thing can happen in the old school too, can it not? Any barber knows how to treat a simple fever. With a popular handbook of therapy and a pocket notebook of recipes these and similar people often attain considerable skill, and the only thing that distinguishes them from their educated colleagues is a doctor's degree. On the other hand, it is not easy for a shallow brain to practice Homœopathy, even though its principles are so clear, irrefutable, and so easily understood that any layman who thinks about them and subjects them to an honest and serious test must recognize their truth.

The word "test" reminds us of the suggestion of a Leipzig professor to have a commission appointed to judge *Hahnemann*. Religious truth is never determined by church councils. In our opinion they went about it more sensibly and fairly elsewhere. When Dr. Marenzeller, the benefactor and unselfish savior of many hundreds of sick people, was put under a ban and forced to go away in order to practice Homœopathy the most respected citizens of Prague interceded for him. *Count Buquoy* and *Count Paar* decided to obtain statements from the patients he had cured. The returns exceeded all expectations and the Austrian government issued a court summons to all Marenzeller's patients to testify for him, and some very important men considered it an honor to do so. Among the many hundred patients that he cured we find cases of 30-year gout, vomiting, cramps, pneumonia, inflammation of the uterus; and it should be noted that most of the patients came to Marenzeller only after the other doctors had given them up. Marenzeller never claimed the credit for these cures, but always told his patients that they owed their recovery to *Dr. Hahnemann*.

"There are people who become annoyed at the discovery of some new thing about which they thought they had made up their minds long ago."

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dry skin with brown spots, eruptions worst after scratching, washing aggravates, forked stream during urination.

*Precautions* :—It is always better to soak the affected parts with olive oil. Underwear or long cloth of the patient should be boiled in hot water every day. Scratching should be avoided to the best of patient's capacity, and if unavoidable, it may be done with a fine piece of cotton soaked with olive oil, under exceptional circumstances. Nails should never be used for scratching. The use of soaps should also be avoided particularly on the affected parts.

*Prognosis*: Examples are not lacking where a number of cases suffering from scrotal Eczema were treated with allopathic or other kinds of ointments for years together without the least improvement. But it has been observed, in practice, that not a single case of scrotal Eczema has shown any reluctance in yielding before a judicious homœopathic treatment, within a reasonable time, provided correct remedy has been selected by the Physician for his patient with due regard to the local and constitutional symptoms of a particular patient and the patient has, in his turn, fully co-operated with the Physician from beginning to the end.

All the remedies listed above are not so exhaustive as to cover every case. I have simply tried to mention those medicines which have been found useful to me and the peculiar symptoms mentioned against them are those which have been well verified by me and found useful during the course of treatment. To acquire mastery over the subject, one has to acquire a thorough knowledge of the homœopathic materia medica and become acquainted with all the principles which are peculiar to this wonderful science by which we are guided in healing the sick.

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