

AN ADDRESS*

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Brother Physicians & Comrades :

The great founder of Homœopathy Dr. Hahnemann was born in April 10, 1755 in a humble village of Saxony (Germany). Our Master still lives fresh in the memory of men as a great savant, and specially as a real benefactor of Humanity and as responsible for the alleviation of much misery and preventible distress. Dr. Hahnemann discovered the law of "*Similia Similibus Curentur*" in 1790. He founded the system of Homœopathy by original thinking and publishing the Organon of Homœopathy in 1810, containing an exposition of Homœopathy ; his country opposed him vehemently and he was forced to leave Liepzig for his very life, whose services were not required under the new system. The rest of his life he had to pass in Paris where he practised with great success until his death on 2nd July 1843.

Centuries rolled away since Dr. Hahnemann had been born and evolved the system of Homœopathic treatment to the inestimable benefit of mankind ; superstitions and prejudices die hard, ignorance rules supreme in this finite world ; added to these, vested interests rear their heads in malice to deny truth and preach falsehood. Dr. Hahnemann is now a name all the world over, at least to those who think and care to apply the great principles of treatment which Dr. Hahnemann had found for himself by diligent study and intelligent observation carried on all through his long life. A brilliant mind ever ready to pick up the secrets of nature, Hahnemann fought hard against the prejudices of his time and founded those fundamental laws of treatment on which the science of Homœopathy

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is based. *Like Cures Likes* and the drug has to be proved on healthy human beings and doses to be found to suit the drug to the individual case. Millions of the sick patients were restored to health and long life through the magic of Homœopathy.

We in India bow our heads to the great humanitarian who founded this system of treatment. We offer our loyal tribute to the Great Master who originated and perfected the system. We pray for peace to the departed soul and we organise ourselves into a group of loyal adherents to carry the Flag of Homœopathy on our shoulders, in the interests of the vast masses of our country, for whom Homœopathy has been a Godsend. We must of course recognise that ours is not an easy task. We have to fight against powerful rivals who had the advantages of official patronage. We have to accept the principles as they are and direct our energies to different aspects of treatment. We must know that ours is not an easy one. Our approach must be modern, our vision wide, our courage great. We must follow up where our Master left. There can be no pause to progress in the studies of science. Half-hearted amateurist efforts would confound us. We must disabuse our mind of any quackery. We must be ever critical and our mind always receptive and discriminating. We believe in the law of evolutions. Modern sciences have made progress in various directions. We must keep pace with them and move on.

In India vast field for Homœopaths lies unexplored. Only by honest efforts and intelligent guide can the goal be reached. Let us move on with courage in hands and a steady vision towards the objective.

Now Gentlemen! I make a fervent appeal to you to unite and evolve a noble code of conduct in our profession and sincerely endeavour to propagate the mission of the founder of Homœopathy and bring the benefit of the Homœopathic treatment within the reach of all.

May I hope that Homœopaths would rise to the occasion and cater to the public demand for better skilled treatment in the way it should be met. Jai Hind.

HAHNEMANN BI-CENTENNIAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

CALCUTTA

At Muslim Institute Hall—The bi-centenary birthday of Dr. Hahnemann was observed at a public meeting at the Muslim Institute Hall, Calcutta on Sunday, 10th April under the presidency of Dr. S. K. Das. Sri Upananda Mukherjee, Commissioner of Police, Calcutta inaugurated the conference and Justice Sri P. Mullick of Calcutta High Court was the chief guest.

At Rammohan Library Hall—Under the auspices of some Homœopathic Institute the bi-centenary birthday of Hahnemann was celebrated at the Rammohan Library Hall on Sunday under the presidentship of Sri Barindrakumar Ghosh, the Editor of Daily "Basumati". The meeting was inaugurated by Sri Annada Prosad Chowdhury, M.L.C. and Dr. D. N. Chatterjee was the chief guest.

At Theosophical Society Hall—A meeting was held under the auspices of the Modern Homœopathic College at the Theosophical Society Hall. Prof. Anutosh Das Gupta, M.A., took the chair and Sri Sankar Prasad Mitra, M.L.A., was the chief guest.

At Mahabodhi Society Hall—Under the auspices of West Bengal Regd. Homœopath Practitioners' Assn. the 200th birthday anniversary was celebrated. Sri Sachindranath Banerjee, the Registrar of Calcutta High Court was in the chair and Dr. J. Ghose, late principal of Presidency College inaugurated the meeting.