

NOW IS THE TIME

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Homœopathy has reached the dawn of a new day in its possibilities and the practitioners and patrons of this unique system of therapeutics may now entertain renewed hope of a more general acceptance of their chosen method of treatment.

This change has not come about by mere chance, but rather has it come from certain events incident to the world war and the influenza pandemic.

The new schools of practice, including the Homœopathic, were given to understand, by the medical powers that be in the military army of our government, that none of their unorthodox "nonsense" would be tolerated, even though soldiers and sailors by the thousands preferred heterodox treatment, and those professional patriots of the new schools of practice who went into active service, were compelled to subscribe to and put into practice the methods outlined by the "majority party." The result is that those men who were orthodox or indifferent and who were treated in the "good old way," or rather, by the good old school in whatever way, have returned to civil life a wiser, if not sadder, lot.

It is a perfectly safe prediction that many of these men who were "shot" into more than they were shot at, are ready to leap away from the medical methods in vogue in the army and navy, and just where they will alight therapeutically, rests very largely with the Homœopathic profession. Certainly, if any large number of Homœopaths continue to "fall for" old school therapeutics and old school courtesies, we cannot justly expect these awakened men of the service to make a disinction when there is no difference.

Failure to advise them of Homœopathy is quite inexcusable, but no less so is failure to give them its untainted application, once they have been aroused to a preference.

While the "civilized tribes" were matching these activities

in military life and were fast forming definite conclusions that went counter to medical orthodoxy, there came down upon the civilian population the tragedy of influenza.

The Kaiser's policy of frightfulness and fear was promptly imported into America, to apply to this scourge, and but for the good common sense of Copeland, in New York City, it would have been quite universal.

Orthodoxy soon found that it could not dictate medical measures to the populace at large, and in this open field Homœopathy clearly displayed its superior advantages.

The uniformity of results obtained from Homœopathic practice in all parts of the country leaves nothing to be desired, for in practically all of the experiences of practitioners of the Homœopathic school the mortality was almost nil, while the sequelae were inconsiderable. But what doth it profit a school of medicine if it cure all of its patrons and do not make it known to those who likewise would prefer to be cured, if they but knew?

Publish and preach these facts broadcast and do not be ashamed or afraid, and Homœopathy will live again.

Dr. Albert Abrams, in his Review of Spondylotherapy and the Electric Reactions of Abrams, says: "The writer has demonstrated, by aid of the biodynamometer, that all of the specific drugs have the same specific wave length as the diseases for which they are employed. This refers to syphilis, malaria, gout and polyarthritis. My investigations show that ideal pharmico-dynamics in disease aims to change the polarity of the soil and to use radio-active drugs which show the same vibratory rate as disease. Like many others of the so-called "regular school" I have ridiculed the doctrines of Homœopathy, but now the writer is constrained to retract an opinion based on belief and not on fact. The Hahnemannian doctrine of attenuation is not a myth. It can be demonstrated by aid of the biodynamometer and the reflexes that the mechanical subdivision of drugs, or their dilution, will augment their radio-active potency. From

what has been said, the law of similars is a verity. Pharmacodynamics is identified with what I have called homovibrations and drugs of dissimilar vibrations (heterovibrations) are without remedial value.

The meeting of the California State Homœopathic Medcal Society at San Jose was one of the best attended and enjoyable gatherings in the history of the Society. President Kapp, full of enthusiasm and energy, kept everything at highest pitch. The papers presented, especially by the younger members, were excellent and reflected the modern scientific training and thought. Discussions lively and interesting. The report of the Legislative Committee, which appears in another part of this issue of the Journal, elicited favorable comment and much interest and provision was made to meet the financial requirements of its work by voluntary contributions of all the members. The Journal also received attention and an appeal was made for enlisting every member to subscribe and especially insert the professional card, for it was acknowledged that this was not only a help to the Journal but brought returns, often of much greater value than the outlay. The Journal is the organ of the State Society and all the papers presented will appear during the year in its pages. If reprints are desired, they can be obtained by notifying the editor. The time has come when it seems quite profitable to make the younger members take a more active and responsible part in the management of the Society, and we trust the incoming President will avail himself of the opportunity in choosing chairmen of the bureaux and these again, in filling the same, to select more prominently the younger members. And very important it is, to make the appointments early. There is a provision in the By-laws that the Secretary should have in his possession the names of members of all bureaux, together with the titles of the subjects to be presented one month before the meeting. It is but fair to the Secretary and will greatly assist him in his preparation