

A CALL TO BROTHER HOMOEOPATHS

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Hahnemann's birthday gives us an occasion for rejoicing as well as an opportunity to rededicate ourselves solemnly to the service of the science. The actual mode of service that we do can and will depend upon our own level of understanding. I shall divide the service into two major parts.

(1) A large number of practitioners are practising Homoeopathy at different levels with different degrees of success. To these friends, I suggest that they should take their cases very carefully, prescribe carefully, observe and note the reactions carefully and report whatever they note. These notes if carefully made will go a long way towards adding further knowledge and thus shaping and sharpening our weapons, i.e. our remedies. There should be also a continuous upgrading of the level of prescribing. There should be a continuous effort to prescribe better, to bring about better results. There should also be continuous study and we should always endeavour to learn from our cases, both the ones where we have succeeded and the ones where we have failed. Where we do not feel confident or where we are failing, we should be ready and willing to consult our senior colleagues in whom we may have faith. We must not allow the patients to change over to non-homoeopathic treatment merely because of our own personal limitations or sense of ego.

(2) There are a limited number of persons who are more enlightened and who are at the top and who can be called the elders of the profession. To these friends, I say, you have a higher responsibility. If the large number of practitioners can be considered as equivalent to a goods train with wagons carrying very essential supplies to the people, the leaders can be equated to a powerful locomotive which is pulling the wagons. The wagons without the engine are powerless and helpless. And an engine without the wagons is purposeless and useless. So both must combine for the benefit of science and humanity. The engine must provide the mechanical power and direction for the wagons which will deliver the goods. The leaders must give constant guidance to the large number of followers and say or do nothing which will disturb the understanding of or confuse the practitioners.

Besides, giving more attention to the large number of cases they are treating and doing so with greater care, and helping the number of general practitioners in their day-to-day problems, the elders must also discuss among themselves the various important unsolved problems of Homoeopathy and give useful directions to others. They should always be on the frontiers of knowledge and must try to enlarge the scope of the science, adding to the knowledge piece by piece. The field of Homoeopathy is practically unlimited

and there is tremendous scope for new discoveries to be made. The elders must also discover the uses of new drugs and confirm and enlarge the uses of proved drugs. They should look out for new knowledge and absorb and assimilate it inside our science. At the same time they must keep their minds open to new techniques, ideas and methods. They should examine their own cases, both the successful ones and the failures to draw new conclusions and new information.

If both these groups of practitioners can work in co-ordination our science can make great advances. Let us do so and thus prove that we are worthy of being the followers of the great Master.

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