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EMANOMETER

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We are very often asked various questions regarding the Emanometer. Some people are enthusiastic enough to suggest that we should purchase one Emanometer and erect it in one of our Pharmacies to render every possible help to the ordinary practitioner, especially in his extremely stiff cases.

The Emanometer is a remarkably important invention of Dr. W. E. Boyd, M.A., M.D., Member British Institute of Radio Engineers, of Glasgow, Scotland. It is an electrical instrument capable of detecting Electro-Physical emanations of any material body, living or inanimate, and can represent the said emanations in graphs, as is done by an Electro-Cardiograph in heart-rate recording. Naturally, the activity of homœopathic potencies, the stumbling block to many,—scientists or laymen, and so a source of real handicap to the desired propagation of homœopathy, has been detected and graphically represented by it. The biological and biochemical activities of microdilutions, equivalent to our homœopathic 30C—32C potencies, of Mercuric Chloride, on the hydrolysis of starch with malt diastase, and of Strophanthus on the frog heart, have been demonstrated with it by Dr. W. E. Boyd, before a large group of distinguished observers, consisting of biochemists, physicists, mathematicians and statisticians, who studied the phenomena, appreciated the works of Dr. Boyd and judged his claims to be valid.

But, besides the demonstration of the potency-activity as an eye-opener to the scientists and the non-believers, to the homœopath the Emanometer means much more and is pregnant

with tremendous possibilities. Some one may hope that the Emanometer will supplant the *Materia Medica* and the *Reperatory*. For, once a wire-end of the Emanometer is fixed to a patient's arm, it produces graphs representing the diseased-emanations and electro-physical changes in his body, which when compared with the graphs of individual drugs already prepared helps one to arrive at the perfectly correct remedy. Similarly, the Emanometer may reveal the correct potency required and the proper time for repetition. The contaminations of drugs, and of potencies including their conglomeration and oligodynamic states, may be detected by the Emanometer. The Emanometer may be expected to show if there is any limit to the number of strokes for each degree of potency, or if there is any limit to the gradation of the potencies. It may be expected, further, to correctly measure the electro-physical energy of each grade of potency, i.e., to differentiate between potencies. Some one with more vigorous hopes may expect the Emanometer to accurately indicate the reversibility or irreversibility of diseased states, i.e., their curability or incurability, and the viability or non-viability of the individual organism, i.e., to predict whether a particular patient will live or die, and if death is to occur, at which hour.

We live by hopes, though our hopes run wild sometimes. But nothing is impossible in these days of inconceivable progress in the physical sciences. The Emanometer may someday turn out to be a wonder instrument, capable of solving the mysteries of health and disease, life and death, matter and energy. But as it stands today, it is in the fluid state of development, and requires far more development, though it has been considerably improved meanwhile, as has been announced by Drs. Boyd and McCrae from time to time. Probably the sad demise of Dr. W. E. Boyd has been an incalculable blow to any spectacular development of the Emanometer. But his illustrious son, Dr. Hans Boyd, M.B., B.S., F.R.F.P.S., the Director of the Boyd Research Trust Institute at Glasgow has been ably carrying on researches with the Emanometer, of which some positive information has been to our hands, lately. So, for the correct appraisal of the Emanometer position and to silence all guess-work, surmise and

extravagant claims, we feel it incumbent upon us to release below the correspondence between the present writer and Dr. H. Boyd.

Letter No. 1441/P/58

Dated : 20.8.58

To

Dr. H. Boyd, M.B., B.S., F.R.F.P.S., M.F.HOM.
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Dear Dr. Boyd :

I feel sure you would not mind encroaching upon your valuable time, since it is for the benefit of homœopathy that I venture to do so. I had a mind, for sometime past, to write to our late lamented Dr. W. E. Boyd, M.D., to have some more light thrown upon the subject, in which he had been the master and the pioneer worker e.g., the Emanometer. But by his sad and sudden demise I missed the chance and am in extreme difficulty to satisfy our colleagues, pharmacists, and readers of The Hahnemannian Gleanings, of which I happen to be an active Editor. Will you kindly reply to the queries given below at an early date and oblige ?

1. Is any extensive literature available about the mechanism, operation, workability of this epoch-making instrument and its adaptability to the needs of homœopathy ? If so, will you kindly make it available to us ?

2. Is the Emanometer manufactured on a commercial scale ? Will it be available to us at present ? If so, at what price ?

3. Is the Emanometer sufficiently and accurately sensitive to drugs and potencies ?

4. Or in other words, is it possible to ascertain and determine by the help of the Emanometer, out of, say, 10 phials containing 10 different remedies and 5 different potencies in homœopathy, without any of them being labelled, which phial contains which remedy and which phial contains which potency ?

5. Has it been decisively proved by the help of the Emanometer that there is some limit to the ascendancy of potencies up to infinity ?

6. Is there any limit to the number of succussions in the act of potentization of each degree, after which no potency-increase takes place ?

You may please note that I have carefully gone through Dr. McCrae's articles in B.H.J. January/1949 & April/1952, the articles of Dr. W. E. Boyd, and your article in the B.H.J. July—October issue of 1956.

Apologizing for the inconvenience caused and awaiting an early reply.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Yours very truly,
Sd/- Dr. S. M. Bhattacharjee

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25th August, 1958

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Dear Dr. Bhattacharjee,

Your letter addressed to Dr. Boyd has been received this morning. Unfortunately Dr. Boyd has just gone on holiday and will not be returning until 15th September. Your letter will be put before him then, and he will reply personally.

Yours faithfully,
Sd/- A. W. Wilson (Secretary)

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16th September/1958

Dr. S. M. Bhattacharjee, M.A.
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Dear Dr. Bhattacharjee,

Thank you for your letter which I received on my return from holiday.

As you have studied the articles in the British Homœopathic Journal fairly fully, you probably have most of the information regarding the Emanometer. Unfortunately, I still regard it as a purely research instrument and it is not available for use outside the laboratories here.

It requires constant supervision and careful cross-checking to ensure accuracy.

As far as my knowledge goes, at present it is not capable of differentiating between different potencies, and could only differentiate the remedies in so far as they lie in different groups.

Regarding the question of the ascendancy of potencies and also the question of the number of succussions. These are points which still require investigation and at present I could give you no definite answer.

While there is no doubt that Dr. W. E. Boyd's development and work on the Emanometer is of importance, it is not a sufficiently scientific instrument in its present form to be of use for any outside work. Further research is proceeding, but it may take many years before any further development can be made.

I am sorry not to be more helpful, but I hope that this will make the position clear.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- H. W. Boyd, M.B.,
Director.

Letter No. 1455/P/58

Dated 29.9.58

Dr. H. Boyd, M.B., F.R.F.P.S., M.F., Hom.
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Dear Dr. Boyd :

I am extremely thankful to you and to your Secretary for having received your instantaneous replies. I shall be much obliged if you please communicate my thanks to your Secretary.

Will you kindly permit me to publish your letters in our Journal, The Hahnemannian Gleanings, to acquaint our readers with the actual fluid state,—though remarkably important and of epoch-making possibilities, of the Emanometer ?

For the sake of brevity, I hesitated to ask of you one more important answer to a strictly relevant question. Will you kindly furnish it to make our position sufficiently clear and oblige ? The problem is as follows :

Dr. W. E. Boyd gave us to know in the British Homœopathic Journal, July-1925, that the Emanometer is sensitive to the high fluxion potencies like 1M, 10M, 50M etc. He, in later years, probably to raise his researches to a strictly scientific level, and to give them a scientific status, experimented with microdilutions ranging between 10^{-61} & 10^{-71} , i.e., our Centesimal potencies between 30 & 35. But, so far as I remember, Dr. Fergie Woods, in a corrected statement in "Homœopathy", November 1957, page-183, announces that the Emanometer can only detect medicine in dilutions equivalent and upto 10^{-15} i.e., our homœopathic 15X potency only.

Now, the problem arises :

What is our actual position vis-a-vis the Emanometer ? Is it sensitive to the higher & highest Skinner potencies, like 1M, 10M, 50M & CM, as announced by Dr. Boyd in 1925 ? Or is Dr. Woods' statement correct ?

The mantle of our illustrious Dr. W. E. Boyd has fallen upon you, and I feel sure you will be able to perfect the Emano-

meter in the near future, to endow homœopathy with a tremendous prestige that it deserves.

Awaiting an early reply, with kindest regards & best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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7, October, 1958

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Dear Dr. Bhattacharjee,

Thank you for your letter of Sept. 29th. You are welcome to put a few notes into your "HAHNEMANNIAN GLEANINGS" regarding the general remarks I have made about the Emanometer.

With regard to your further point.

If you check the article by Dr. Fergie Woods in "Homœopathy" you will see that it is not concerned with the Emanometer at all; this was simply a statement that experiments of a physiological kind were able to detect dilutions up to 10^{15} . These are not, of course, succussed potencies but merely dilutions. The Emanometer, I still think, is capable of detecting high potencies like 1M, 10M, etc., but with the same difficulties explained in my earlier letter. I hope this will clear up this point.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- H. Boyd. M.B.

Evidently, Dr. H. Boyd's statements are up-to-date, up-to-the point and precise, and we hope our readers will rest satisfied with them for the present.