

THE INTERNATIONAL HAHNEMANNIAN ASSOCIATION U.S.A.

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Since the foundation of the Homoeopathic Medical Association of India is now an accomplished fact and as its object is the propagation and establishment of genuine Hahnemannian Homoeopathy, to the exclusion of all other pathies, I am herewith sending you the presidential address of Dr. Charles A. Dixon M.D. as published in the December 1976 issue of *Homoeotherapy* on the founding of the International Hahnemannian Association of the U.S.A.

As we are confronted with the same problems that existed then, I would appeal to the membership of the Homoeopathic Medical Association of India to adopt the same resolution that was adopted by that Association on that memorable day 16th of June 1890. This is something that we must do if we are genuinely interested in propagating pure Hahnemannian Homoeopathy in India.

Dr. Dixon says, "When I was elected to the Presidency of this society at the meeting in San Francisco last year, I was uplifted with the thought that a great honor had been bestowed, and I offered up a silent prayer that I might be equal to my responsibilities, and gratified that my name should be added to that list of distinguished homoeopaths who have preceded me in the past sixty years since the founding of the International Hahnemannian Association.

"Early in my year as President there came the disturbing thought that all along down the line of my predecessors they had delivered a President's Address at the annual meeting of this society and that I was confronted with this task. What could I say that had not already been said by some of those old homoeopathic giants of yesteryear!

"So I determined to consult the old transactions of our meetings and read what those old tried and true wheelhorses of our faith had to say, and I found that they were confronted with the same problems that we are battling today. They too, like us of today, were very much perturbed by the lack of homoeopathic teaching in our colleges, the lack of true homoeopathic papers, the same resentment that things were being done in practice by the so-called homoeopaths that were outside the true law of similia.

"So I finally decided that I would quote from their addresses the things they talked about that are just as pertinent today; it will show you in a graphic manner that the vital issues of today are the same as were present at the founding of this society.

"In 1884 Dr. Pearson, in writing the history of this society says:
THE CAUSES THAT GAVE RISE TO THE ORGANIZATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL

HAHNEMANNIAN ASSOCIATION WERE OPERATIVE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS PRIOR TO THE DECISIVE ACTION BEING TAKEN. THE IMMEDIATE FOLLOWERS OF HAHNEMANN HAD LONG VIEWED WITH REGRET THE RETROGRADE MOVEMENT ON THE PART OF THE WOULD-BE LEADERS IN THE SO-CALLED HOMOEOPATHIC SCHOOL, THE ADVOCACY IN OUR JOURNALS AND MEDICAL SOCIETIES OF PALLIATIVE TREATMENT WITH CRUDE DRUGS TOGETHER WITH THE HERESY THAT WHATEVER CURES MUST BE HOMOEOPATHIC FORGETTING THAT THOUGH MORPHIA IS NOT HOMOEOPATHIC TO PAIN IT MAY, IN CRUDE DOSES, TEMPORARILY SUPPRESS IT. IN SHORT, THE GROWING TENDENCY TO IGNORE EVERY CARDINAL PRINCIPLE OF HOMOEOPATHY AS LAID DOWN IN THE ORGANON OF HAHNEMANN IMPRESSED ITSELF SO FORCIBLY UPON THE MINDS AS TO MAKE IT APPARENT THAT SOME MEANS SHOULD BE RESORTED TO, TO CHECK THIS SUICIDAL POLICY. THE JOURNALS WERE RESORTED TO, CASE AFTER CASE WAS REPORTED, AND PAPER AFTER PAPER READ BEFORE OUR MEDICAL SOCIETIES ILLUSTRATING THE SUPERIOR MERITS OF PURE HOMOEOPATHY OVER ANY AND EVERY MIXED PRACTICE, BUT THESE SEEMED TO EXCITE ONLY CRITICISM AND RIDICULE RATHER THAN CONVICTION.

"For the sake of brevity I must condense the rest of this interesting history. Suffice it to say that this dissatisfaction fomented till ten years later in Milwaukee the loyal members of the American Institute held a meeting in the Courthouse and at that time Dr. Pearson of Washington, D.C., submitted a number of resolutions which were eventually adopted as our Declaration of Principles on June 16, 1890.

"Lest we forget, I want to quote some of the preamble that this society adopted on that memorable date:

Whereas, WE BELIEVE THE ORGANON OF THE HEALING ART AS PROMULGATED BY SAMUEL HAHNEMANN TO BE THE ONLY RELIABLE GUIDE IN THERAPEUTICS; AND

Whereas, THIS CLEARLY TEACHES THAT HOMOEOPATHY CONSISTS IN THE LAW OF SIMILARS, THE TOTALITY OF THE SYMPTOMS, THE SINGLE REMEDY, THE MINIMUM DOSE OF THE DYNAMIZED DRUG, AND THESE NOT SINGLY, BUT COLLECTIVELY; AND

Whereas, NUMBERS OF PROFESSED HOMOEOPATHS NOT ONLY VIOLATE THESE TENETS, BUT LARGELY REPUDIATE THEM; AND

Whereas, AN EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE ON THE PART OF SUCH PHYSICIANS TO UNITE THE HOMOEOPATHIC WITH THE ALLOPATHIC SCHOOL; THEREFORE,

Resolved, THAT THE TIME HAS FULLY COME WHEN LEGITIMATE HAHNEMANNIAN HOMOEOPATHISTS SHOULD PUBLICLY DISAVOW ALL SUCH INNOVATIONS.

Resolved, THAT THE MIXING OR ALTERNATING OF TWO OR MORE MEDICINES IS REGARDED AS NON-HOMOEOPATHIC.

Resolved, THAT THE BEST DOSE OF MEDICINE IS EVER THE SMALLEST, WE CANNOT RECOGNIZE AS BEING HOMOEOPATHIC SUCH TREATMENT AS SUPPRESSES SYMPTOMS BY THE TOXIC ACTION OF THE DRUG.

Resolved, THAT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THESE SENTIMENTS,

AND FOR OUR OWN MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT, WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES INTO AN INTERNATIONAL HAHNEMANNIAN ASSOCIATION, AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

"I have taken these notes from the first published transactions of this society, dated 1883, and there also appears a list of doctors that joined the Association at that meeting. It is an interesting list; almost every one of them is well-known to the man who has made pure Homoeopathy his life's work. I wish that I might go down through that list and enquire of these older doctors present here tonight just which of the old wheelhorses in the early days of our meetings has influenced them to carry on and keep the light burning. But I will not even take the time to tell you of my own personal contacts because I want to stress this outstanding fact: they were all disciples of Hahnemann; they were all upholding that law of similia; the things they accomplished were due to their fidelity to the teachings of the Master.

"We are often asked by those who are not familiar with homoeopathic law why it is not universally accepted. That is a very pertinent question and is entitled to an explanation. As I browse through the old papers of this society I could quote many answers, all of them courageously conveying the sentiment that 'truth is mighty and shall prevail.' I will not attempt to repeat their solutions, but will give you the background of my own faith of that truth. I view the news of the day in our daily papers and read the things that you read, and I don't say that Christianity has failed after over 1900 years of effort to cleanse the world of wickedness; I believe that this old world is in a transitional state and when the change is accomplished we will be able to think clearly and be able to distinguish between right and wrong, that our people will be able to worship *right* rather than the dollar sign which at present dominates all mankind.

"Don't be impatient because we have over a hundred years of struggle without being triumphantly on top. Remember, Christ's teachings where He says that a thousand years is but a watch in the night."—*Homoeopathic Recorder*, August 1940, Vol. 4, No. 8.