

Homeopathic News from California, the Sunshine State.

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Finances have caused a tremendous upheaval in the entire world, such as we have no record of having existed before in such a general manner. In what way this will affect our vital structures as medicine, religion and the many other sciences, it is hard to say. As we maintain and believe that the world is constantly progressing, we feel the present economic distress is for the purpose of progress. This may be of great consequence in medicine, signs of which a close observer can even now see. Just as those who possibly could afford it, selected the most rapid routes of travel, even the airplane, to more hurriedly arrive at their destination, so these people have also attempted to secure a more rapid route for cures than nature had provided them with, and the surgeons were frequently and persistently called on to instantly eradicate 'the disease' from the body. Especially in the United States of America, where finances in the last years have been more free than usual, surgery was resorted to in the cure of disease. Having such splendid experience and practice opportunity, surgery has progressed rapidly, and hospital after hospital has been erected to accommodate the many patients who selected the quick route to health, if such it was.

Reaction has set in. All hospitals are having difficulty in sustaining their institutions. Some have been closed, many have been partially closed. At the same time, the patients operated on over the last decade, have come to realize that this quick route was not a cure, usually necessitating more operations. That it was simply the

elimination of the morbid processes. Now, with the necessary finances for surgical procedure and the consequent hospitalization becoming more impossible, I predict that the surgical era has passed and we are again returning to the route of nature's restitution in disease.

This constitutes a most opportune time for the science of Homœopathy to be promulgated, as it represents nature's only true law in cure. The harvest is ripe, if but the enthusiastic reapers with the true gospel are not too few. Through the constant dominance of the surgeons in our medical colleges of late years, even the teaching of *physiological* medicine has been greatly neglected, and all of the studies have been directed to mere *mechanical* procedures which were even applied and thought sufficient, yes, even superior, in the *diagnosis* of disease. Of course, any physician realizes that when tests indicate pathological conditions, the disease is quite far advanced. He realizes, and the surgeons have taught, that to effect a cure, an early diagnosis is necessary, which can, however, only be made by interpreting the signs of disturbed physiology; in other words, the study and understanding of symptoms, which is almost fallen into disuse at the present time, except by the Homœopathic school.

By the time these lines reach you and are printed in your journal, the spring medical conventions will be well in progress here.

The Homœopathic group is well-organized throughout America, being represented by the American Institute of Homœopathy as the national body, then the various sub-groups, to which a group of states most conveniently located adjacently to each other for travelling purposes, belong. On the West coast, this is called the Southern Homœopathic Medical Association. The meetings of this

group are usually held in the fall. The next division is the state society, of which the majority of the states have their own organization. Our organization here is called the California State Homœopathic Medical Society, and meets in the spring of each year. The next subdivision is the county society, which includes the section around the larger cities. These groups usually have monthly meetings, and on the Pacific Coast the Los Angeles County and the San Francisco County Medical Societies are the most active.

The national convention should prove to be an exceptional success this year, being held in Chicago during the time of the World's Fair. As this Fair is particularly presenting a mighty Century of Progress, and the inspiration for new life and activity to a discouraged nation so it no doubt will have its elevating influence on this medical convention, and will encourage, on account of the unusually low rates to the Fair, a much greater attendance than usual. Then for the West coast and particularly for my locality, the Los Angeles County Society is holding very interesting discussions on Homœopathy. These meetings are regularly attended by a very enthusiastic group of men who are interested in maintaining the Law of Similia, and bring ample testimony to its clinical results. The California State Homœopathic Medical Society is holding its annual convention this year from the 10th to the 12th of May in the city of Long Beach. Long Beach is a beautifully-located city on the inner border of a natural harbor, protected from the ocean by the magnificent Catalina Island, and harbors a large portion of Uncle Sam's Battleships during the year. Altho not as large as Los Angeles, it no doubt cares for a greater percentage of tourists, and is of easy access from all southern sections of the state. These medical meetings include, of

course, the various sciences in medicine, and usually convene for a three-day period.

It is to be hoped that our men will realize the important place that Homœopathy, as nature's own mode of re-establishing health, can take in the present economical reorganization.

Essentials of making correct homœopathic prescription.

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There are three important factors which should deserve the careful consideration of a homœopathic practitioner if he wants to make a correct homœopathic prescription :—

- (i) Taking the case
- (ii) Selection of the remedy
- (iii) Administration of the medicine.

These three divisions are intermingled in such a way that the success of the one depends on the care and accuracy with which the previous step has been taken. Hence we should go through all the processes with utmost care and precision.

Let us first of all consider the first division—that of taking the case. This task is not so easy as it appears to be. If the case be differently taken or the symptoms incorrectly recorded then surely it will never be possible for us to arrive at a correct remedy. Case taking is the most important subject in the whole process. Physical diagnosis and pathology play very little part in the homœopathic prescription, although they are most often required in times of prognosis. The whole attention of a homœopathic physician should be directed towards securing this