

to establish a Central Council of Homœopathy. This Conference shall support this move from this province.

3. We have to take a stock of our efforts in this province and devise ways and means for the Progress of Homœopathy.

4. We shall meet leading practioners of Calcutta, Delhi, Madras, M.P. Behar, U.P. Punjab, besides our own brethren of the neighbouring cities, so the exchange of views and experience shall benefit us all in furthering this cause.

5. Dr. Thomas Singh who is the General Secretary of the All India Homœo. Federation is issuing appeals to leading Homœopaths all over India, and it is hoped that many would oblige him. Dr. M. Das of Calcutta, the Indian Secretary of the International Homœopathic Congress and Dr. Dutta of the Allen Homœo. College and Dr. J. K. Mukherjee the President of the Eastern India Homœo. Federation have already given their consent to attend, and we hope to have a grand session.

What we expect from you for this noble cause is that you pay the Delegate fee of Rs. 10 at an early date. You travel with your own expenses both ways. We arrange for your boarding and lodging and entertain you for two days. Rajgarh is a picturesque city standing on a hillock in a steepy place surrounded by rivers. It is equidistant from Indore and Gwalior. We shall arrange things in such a way that our guests have no difficulty in finding the place and we assure you of the best comforts.

Fraternally yours,
(sd.) S. C. VERMA.
Secretary.

UNVEILING THE PORTRAIT OF HAHNEMANN*

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GENTLEMEN,

I feel very happy to-day that in this last meeting of the first elected Council we are going to perform a very pleasant function.

I am sure that many of us like myself must have felt that a portrait of our great master was wanting in this hall of our Faculty Office. I am glad that through the generosity of our friend Mr. Bhar, Proprietor of M/S. Hahnemann Publishing Company, this long-felt want has at last been removed and our hearts' desire fulfilled. On behalf of the members of the Faculty I offer him our hearty thanks for this very precious and appropriate gift.

Gentlemen, to-day on this happy occasion my mind is full and I see as if in a dream the vision of a panorama of events long past and gone. I see the field and meadows of Germany and there in a small hamlet I see boy Hahnemann taking "thinking lessons" from his father: the scene changes and I see the student Hahnemann in one of the Universities of Germany (Erlangen) absorbed in deep meditation trying to probe into the mysteries of nature; the scene shifts and I see the doctor Hahnemann in quest of newer truths and trying to solve the problems of disease and death, sickness and cure; the scene changes again and I see the indomitable fighter Hahnemann being persecuted by the apothecaries and the Government of the land for having dared to proclaim and practise the 'law of cure'—so simple and grand—in defiance of the orthodoxy and the prejudice of ages; the scene finally shifts and I see the grand old doctor ripe with age and honour settled in his residence in

a fashionable locality of Paris surrounded by disciples, patients and friends.

From this dreamland, gentlemen, let me now come down to the matter-of-fact every-day world. Gentlemen, I am sure this portrait will remind us all about the trials and tribulations of our master and his ultimate triumph in the cause for which he and his disciples dedicated their lives. The history of his trials and sufferings is a romance in the History of Medicine.

I am sure this portrait of the superman would always inspire us to follow in the wake of our master and practise the Art of Healing as he wanted us to practise it and as preached in the pages of the Organon, Materia Medica Pura and Chronic Disease. His teachings have taken firm root in the soil of this country. Homœopathy has rapidly spread over this land. The Government is no longer apathetic and State Faculties have been formed in most of the States in India. I have every reason to hope and trust that the teachings of our master would spread more and more every day for the benefit of suffering humanity.

Gentlemen, with these few words I pay my humble homage to the great soul of our immortal master and unveil his portrait with pride and pleasure.

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* Presidents' speech during the unveiling ceremony of the portrait of Hahnemann in the office of the General Council & State Faculty of Homœopathic Medicine. 1B, Old Post Office Street, Calcutta.

CHANGING CONCEPTS OF HEALTH AND DISEASE, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO "PSYCHOSOMATIC MEDICINE"

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I do not think anything I shall say is new; much of it has been better said before, and some of it is very old—so old indeed that there always is a chance it may be mistaken for new. But I am encouraged to hope that, even so, it may fulfil the terms of the Bradshaw Trust, which states simply that a lecture shall be given in memory of Dr. William Wood Bradshaw on a subject connected with medicine or surgery.

As a starting-point I propose to try to put into words some ideas about the nature of disease which seemed to be taken for granted in the medicine I was taught nearly twenty-five years ago. It was assumed, so far as I could see, that there were things or entities called diseases, which could be studied and treated as such, some of these arose in and affected the mind, and were the province of psychiatrists. Others arose in and affected the body, and were the province of physicians, surgeons, and various specialists.

Diseases with physical manifestations could be divided into organic and functional. Organic diseases were regarded as real, objective, and the proper object of study by scientific medicine. They had physical causes, which either had been or would be elucidated as a result of increasingly through study by physical, chemical, and bacteriological methods. In the investigation of a disease the object was to find "the cause" and to deal with it. There was little or no interest in functional disorder. Functional symptoms seemed usually to be regarded either as invented or imaginary or as rather mysterious and discreditable states which in some way affected inferior personalities.