

MESSRS. BOERICKE & TAFEL have in press at present writing, a work on *Genito-Urinary Diseases*, by Dr. Doughty, of New York, edited by Dr. George Parker Holden, that bids fair to be a most popular, useful and practical book for students and practitioners. Dr. Doughty's position in the medical world is a guarantee for this.

Another work, about half completed, is *Veterinary Homœopathy in its Application to the Horse*, by John Sutcliffe Hurdall, Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, of England. This work will mark an epoch in the homœopathic treatment of the diseases of animals, as it is the first original work on the subject that has been published for a life-time.

A third work in press by the same firm is *A Repertory of Tongue Symptoms*, by Dr. M. E. Douglass, of Danville, Va. It will be one of those handy little volumes that lighten the labors of the prescriber.

B. & T. are also bringing out a fine reprint of that immensely popular work, Pulte's *Domestic Physician*, of which sixty thousand copies have been sold. The first edition of this work was brought out over forty years ago by Dr. Pulte, the founder of Pulte Medical College of Cincinnati, and there is no doubt but that it had a powerful influence in winning public approval for the then new system of medicine.

This firm has also the manuscripts of a large number of works in hand awaiting their turn, and others engaged on which the authors are still at work.

It does not look as though Homœopathy were "dying out!"

HAHNEMANN'S CHRONIC DISEASES.—It is to this book that Homœopathy owes *Calcareo carb.*, *Lycopodium*, *Baryta carb.*, *Graphites*, *Sepia*, *Phosphorus* and *Silicea*.

The publication of this work is a great task, well done. It contains the original provings of the drugs above named, and many others of equal importance. Later Books on *Materia Medica* have but an abstract of the records in this volume. All real students of *Materia Medica* will need the *Chronic Diseases*. The work contains 1,600 pages, and it is well printed and bound.

Boericke & Tafel deserve great credit for having made it possible for the profession to have the benefit of this important work —*Medical Era*.

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SHALL HOMŒOPATHY REMAIN IN THE REAR?

The other day a paper appeared in one of our leading journals the tenor of which was that Hahnemann, while ahead of his time, would, if he had not kept up with the bandwagon, by this time have been far in the rear. In this paper occurs the following paragraph:

Even religion, the very warp upon which the woof of civilization is woven, has had to keep pace with the restless tread onward; old things are passing away and all things are becoming new. Shall Homœopathy remain in the rear, or shall we, following the example of her founder, keep in the front?

Man-made, or even man-improved, religion is a logical and consequently scientific absurdity. The fundamental of religion is that it is based on God's revelation of Himself and His purposes, to His creatures, *i. e.* ourselves, who as a mass are so prone to squabble with each other. If God's revelation can be improved upon by professional theologs and other creatures, then the creature is greater than the Creator; in which case as each creature thinks no small things of himself we would have great doings. We know that some men think they are improving religion but they are not; they are merely ripping up their own individual belief in it.

As to the question, "Shall Homœopathy remain in the rear?" we would suggest that it cannot; its place is and always will be in the front of medicine, and man cannot change it. Homœopathy is a law of nature, one of God's laws, and the talk of leaving one of these laws "in the rear" seems to indicate a lack of thorough appreciation of the fundamentals of the subject.

Aconite will cure its own cases and no others. You may get unto yourself a clearer comprehension of that fact and its appli-

cation; you may leave that fact as an individual and seek to do *Aconite's* work by other means, but you cannot leave it in the "rear." It is a fixed star. It is Homœopathy.

A RETALIATORY MEASURE.

The following clipping from a Philadelphia daily tells its own story. While no one can justly complain of the action of the Pennsylvania Board, still it seems to us that any graduate of a medical college in good standing, and who has passed an examining board in addition, should not be prevented from practicing his profession wherever the afflicted call on him:

STANDING ON ITS DIGNITY.

State Medical Council Getting Even With the New York Board of Examiners.

The State Medical Council has rescinded its rule accepting licenses from the New York Board of Medical Examiners. Physicians and surgeons who come into Pennsylvania hereafter from New York will be required to pass an examination before the State Examining Boards before they can practice the same as those from other States and graduates fresh from medical and surgical colleges. The New York Examiners have refused to accept the licenses issued by the Pennsylvania Council on the ground that the examinations in this State are not up to the standard.

A meeting of the Council was held yesterday at the Internal Affairs department at which this retaliatory action was taken. The questions for the semi-annual examinations to be held June 16-20 were also prepared. The State Medical Board will conduct its examinations in the Senate Chamber and House of Representatives. The Homœopathic Board will use the assembly room on the second floor of the Capitol, and the Eclectic Board the Department of Internal Affairs.

NEWS NOTES FROM NEW YORK.

Dr. Edmund Carleton has removed from 53 West Forty-fifth street to 62 West Forty-ninth street.

Dr. Louis A. Queen has removed from 8 West Thirty-eighth street to 114 West Eighty-fifth street. Office hours; 9 to 12 A. M. and 5 to 6:30 P. M.; Sundays, 10 to 11 only.

Dr. Hugh Kidder, N. Y. H. M. C. '96, has located at 351 West Forty-second street.

Dr. R. J. Flint, late house physician of the Hahnemann Hospital has located at Gouverneur, St. Lawrence county N. Y.

Dr. Adelia B. Barber has removed from 66 West Seventy-first street to 182 West Eighteenth street. Office hours; 10 A. M. to 1 P. M.

Dr. M. B. Beals has removed from 163 East Seventy-first street to 470 East One Hundreth and Seventy seventh street.

Dr. George B. Durrie has removed from 79 East Fifty-fifth St. to 103 West Fifty-fourth street. Office hours: 8 to 10 A. M., 1 to 3 and 7 to 8 P. M.

Dr. Wilfred G. Fralick has removed from 745 to 601 Madison avenue.

Dr. Egbert Guernsey and Dr. E. Guernsey Rankin have removed their office from 528 Fifth avenue to "The Madrid," 180 West Fifty-ninth street.

Dr. St. Clair Smith has removed from 8 West Thirty-eight street to 25 West Fiftieth street. Office hours: 11 A. M. to 1 P. M. and 7 to 8 P. M.; Sundays 3 to 4 only.

Dr. Cordelia Williams has removed from 118 East Nineteenth street to 64 Lexington Avenue.

Dr. Lewis Hallock, 34 East Thirty-ninth street, recently was made the guest of honor at a dinner given him in celebration of the seventieth year of his active practice. The doctor received his diploma from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1826; he subsequently became a Homœopath, which school he has followed for the latter fifty years of his practice. Although 95 years of age the doctor is hale, hearty and active and takes as good care of his practice as though he were still on the good side of fifty. He is an exceptionally bright conversationalist, his reminiscences of his earlier practice being particularly interesting. The doctor is greatly interested in the progress of Homœopathy and keeps well abreast of the times.

Dr. Edwin G. Ogden, who for the past two years has been studying in the hospitals and with the leading physicians of Vienna, has returned to this country and for the summer is staying at his country place at Sing Sing, N. Y. The doctor is at present engaged in giving a course of instructions at the Metropolitan Hospital on Ward's Island. He reports that the hospitals of Germany are in a far greater state of advancement than here,

and that the facilities for instruction are in every way vastly superior.

A new hospital, the Homœopathic Hospital, of Harlem, has recently been opened in the upper part of the city with Dr. B. G. Clark, president; Dr. Willard Ide Pierce, treasurer, and Dr. George W. McDowell, secretary. The hospital is located at 245 West One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, in a locality where such an institution is greatly needed.

"The Hahnemann Association," the object of which is to promote the cause of Homœopathy, is making great efforts to extend its influence far and wide. It wants to enlarge its membership many fold, especially among the laity who have heretofore been denied membership. The object of the society is a highly laudable one, and it should receive the earnest support of every physician and layman interested in the advancement of our school. This association will recognize neither fad nor faction, its sole object being to spread Homœopathy and strengthen it by associating those who sincerely wish to see the cause prosper. Dr. Martin Deschere, 334 West Fifty-eighth street is the president and Dr. Alton G. Warner, 194 Schermerhorn street, Brooklyn, is treasurer. The initiation fee is only \$1.00; there have been no dues. Applications for membership should be addressed to the treasurer and should enclose one dollar.

COCOA.

WE call attention to the advertisement of Walter Baker & Co.'s Cocoa that appears on page xxi, of this month's RECORDER. This old firm has been making Cocoa and Chocolate since 1780, one hundred and sixteen years, and anyone familiar with their goods can certify to their excellence. Chocolate and Cocoa are blessings that came to mankind as a result of the discovery of America. "The food of the gods" the fruit of the cocoa tree was once called, and it is to day one of the best foods for man known, provided you get a cocoa, or chocolate, that has not been prepared by means of alkalies. Many who first use these chemically prepared cocoas very naturally acquire a dislike for the food, and attribute it to the cocoa itself, whereas the trouble is in the method of preparation. These badly-prepared cocoas are the ones that people "get tired" of, something that rarely hap-

pens if a properly prepared Cocoa, such as Walter Baker & Co.'s, is used. It is at once a delightful food and nourishing drink, and it would be well for humankind if there were more of it consumed and less tea or coffee.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Medical Record* complains of the "foolish prejudice" in the regular profession against *Aconite* and *Phytolacca*, for the reason that the former is much in use among the Homœopaths, and the latter is often recommended by the eclectics." What a pity that anybody of professional men should be so cramped and confined by prejudice! A goodly number, however, and an increasing number, refuse longer to be denied the freedom that is the birthright of every man and avail themselves of homœopathic remedies and literature freely, much to the satisfaction of their patients, and to their own peace of mind and pecuniary profit.

IN commenting on the death of the child of Professor Langerhaus, following an injection of Behring's serum, the *Medical Press* of London says: "The only possible cause of death then was the serum itself."

MESSERS. BOERICKE & TAFEL:

Gentlemen—You sent me some time ago a bottle of your Hensel's Improved Tonicum, and I have used it with the greatest success in a case of leucæmia where the patient had been confined to her bed for three years. After using two bottles she began to improve rapidly, and to-day she is able to be out and can hardly believe that life has been once more restored to her. Will you kindly send me another bottle. I feel worn out myself from overwork, and as nothing else restores me after a long winter of work, I want to use it myself. It is far more stimulating than wine to me.

Yours truly,

DR. HELEN G. F. MACK.

149 A Tremont St., Boston, June 8, 1896.

PERSONAL.

Dr. M. A. Wesner has removed from Houtzdale to Johnstown, Pa.

Hospital News, devoted to the interests of the Pittsburgh Homœopathic Hospital, is the latest arrival.

The *State Board of Health Bulletin* of Tennessee naively heads its paper on Jenner, "Romance of Science"

The Pennsylvania Dutchman translates "I am thy father's ghost" into "Ich bin deim dawdy sei spook."

Probably the builders of the pyramids worried as much over the future as we do to-day.

The tablet seems to be passing. The old Hahnemannian triturations and mother tinctures are far better.

It is said that a drop of *Phytolacca* θ applied to a bee-sting takes away all the pain.

Dr. Chas. H. Hubbard has removed from Camden, N. J., to Chester, Pa.

When advised to drink boiled water she said she would "rather be an aquarium than a cemetery."

If the beard is to go because of microbe-carrying qualities, what's the matter with shaving off the eyebrows and hair also?

"Hard times" are felt least by professional men who have good libraries and know their contents.

Even a saint would lose his temper were he crossed as often as the ocean.

Yingling's *Manual* for accoucheurs is a valuable little work.

The fourth edition of Raue's *Special Pathology* is a fine specimen of a book from the mechanical point of view.

Get out and "root" for the "home team" these hot days if you cannot take a holiday; good for the lungs.

There are gneiss rocks as well as girls.

Eltopai, California, was shortened from the original Hell-to-pay.

One dollar pays for a year's subscription to the HOMŒOPATHIC RECORDER; try it for a year.

The furore for publishing medical works rivals the bicycle craze.

Baehr's *Science of Therapeutics* is still a live and vigorous work and could give good pointers to many a modern Homœopath.

"Sunburne" is a good lotion for those who suffer from sun-burn; very soothing to the inflamed skin.

The Prince of Wales, who never wears a pair of trousers more than four times, must be constantly uncomfortable breaking in so many new ones.

While about it why not hitch your wagon to comet and see more of things?

Dioscorides said *Pæonia off.* was a good remedy for nightmare. It caused that horror in the proverbs.

The Indian Brother is an enthusiastic Homœopath, and a good one, but the English of his contributions sometimes are a little like some peoples' Homœopathy—mixed.

The quotation from the pen of our old "regular" friend, "Country Doctor," anent *Helonias Dioica* is worth reading. (See p. 313.)

If the heroine of Charles Reade's "Terrible Temptation" had been given a dose of *Helonias Dioica* there would have been no story.

Never forget that *Ratanhia* will give relief in itching of the *Anus*—internally or as suppositories.

Origanum Marjorana is worth investigating. See translations concerning Dr. Galavardin's latest in this RECORDER. (See page 301.)

The best soaps are the Vinolia. See xxiii.

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CONSTANTINE SAMUEL RAFINESQUE.

1783-1840.

There are naturalists and naturalists; the species which works with an Herbarium, with pickled fish, mounted birds, stuffed animals. Foh! his *Hortus siccus* is hardly drier than himself (and this is not the drouth that "Zwei!" assuages), nor are his defunct "specimens" scarcely deader. Then there is the other, who catches the bloom of the flower when it is christened by the dew of its first morning; who sees the silvery scales of the fishes while they are gleaming in the pellucid waters of their native streams; who hears the feathered songsters hymning their carols to the Infinite Maker in the cathedral aisles of the primeval forests—this is a naturalist *nascitur, non fit*. Such an one was Constantine Samuel Rafinesque.

William Godwin wrote to his daughter, Shelley's second wife, "We are so curiously made that one atom put in the wrong place in our original structure will often make us unhappy for life." With poor Rafinesque more than one atom had gotten misplaced. Buoyant and cheerful in youth, morose and suspicious in manhood; energetic and industrious through the years when

"The strong man's part and the lion's heart"
bravely withstood the storm and stress, bowed and broken and eating the bread of a niggard charity when the evil days came, long before the grasshopper had become a burden. Remote from his only surviving child, there was no filial tear to fall upon his dying face; homeless, he started to cross the "Great Divide" from a cheerless garret; companionless, he met the last enemy (surely a friend to him!) *alone*; penniless and in debt, he found a grave only because an admirer provided one.