

that, after all our opposition and ridicule, homeopathy *may* be true? That you, like many others, have never taken an impartial view of the subject, or made an unprejudiced investigation and trial of the homeopathic remedies, in order to test their effects in the treatment of diseases?

*Dr.*—The thing appears so ridiculous I have never felt at all inclined to do either. It is not reasonable to suppose that the infinitesimal doses of medicine used in that system have any effect in the cure of disease.

*Mr. B.*—Allow me, doctor, to make one suggestion for your consideration before we part, and that is this, admit in your own mind, for the sake of the investigation, that the *system may be true*, and then, fairly and fully test and try the remedies under that impression. Set out with the idea settled in your mind that the principles of homeopathy *may* be correct after all, and rest there, until you have made a thorough investigation and trial of the principles and remedies advocated and used in that system of practice; then you will be more competent to decide the question correctly.

*Dr.*—There can be no harm in that, I admit; and as the idea is new, I will think of it. I am now on my way to Cincinnati for the Lecture term, and while there, I think I will take the opportunity to provide myself with the necessary works on the subject, and commence an investigation on your plan, and see what will be the result.

*Mr. B.*—Only do that, doctor, and in the end you will be as well convinced of the truth of homeopathy as I am.

I have given the above dialogue in detail, as it actually occurred, in order to show how very easy it is for the mind to arrive at the truth, when placed in a position to view it from a correct stand point. No investigation can be fair or satisfactory unless made with the mind open for the admission of facts, however much they may clash with our previous opinions or doctrines.

The result of the above arrangement was, that Doctor D—, allowing himself to start fairly, in an open field, became within six months, a decided convert to the doctrines of the "new school," and from having been a prominent allopathist, is now, and has been for several years, one of the most successful homeopathic practitioners in the south-western States. Having full and entire confidence in the small doses of specific remedies.

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