

Miscellaneous.

MOVING TOWARD THE LIGHT.

The modern developments in physiological chemistry and bacteriology, as well as the accumulated evidence of experience, has convinced the great majority of skilled and well-educated physicians in the ranks of homoeopaths, that the sectarian bounds of their school were too small for the exercise of the practice of rational medicine; and numerous attempts have been made to enlarge the boundaries set by Hahnemann, the founder of this school of medicine.

This movement has finally gained such proportions that there was recently organized at Buffalo a medical society known as the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons, made up of qualified members of the profession of different schools, the purpose of which is to break down the bars of sectarian medicine, and make a platform large enough to admit any intelligent or qualified practitioner, irrespective of his sectarian antecedents. So far as its medical creed is concerned, the regular profession has long ago abandoned sectarianism, and ceased to subscribe to the principle of *contraria contrariis curantur* attributed to it by Hahnemann.

We are glad to see this movement. It is in the right direction, and it is the sincere hope of the writer that some time in the future there may be only two recognized classes of physicians; viz., those who are practising medicine on a rational and physiological basis, and those who are pursuing blindly irrational methods.

The long fight among the different schools of medicine has been based upon differences of opinion upon the so-called action of drugs; but intelligent physicians are finding out (many long ago made the discovery) that in the relation of the human body and drugs, it is the cells of the body which are active, and not the drugs. The body acts upon the medicine, not the medicine upon the body. Modern developments in hydrotherapy, electrotherapy, massotherapy, and the various branches of physiological medicine, including dietetics, have left comparatively little room for pharmaceutical products, so it is exceedingly foolish to still maintain the old quarrel about big doses and little doses, when doses of any sort have so small a part to play in the rational treatment of disease. The high-potency delusion seems about dead.—*Modern Medicine and Bacteriological Review*, July, 1896.

THE NEW NURSE.

Under the above caption, a recent editorial in the *Practitioner* contains the following well-timed criticism: "The first volume of Professor Clifford Albutt's monumental 'System of Medicine,' which has recently appeared, contains an article written by a nurse. This is a somewhat