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LETTER TO A MEMBER OF THE CONNECTICUT MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Will you listen to the words of one whom you are wont to think of and to treat as a foe? My plea springs from our relations to each other as practitioners of medicine. We have, in common, important interests and serious duties. For the sake of these, the putting away mutual misunderstanding is greatly to be desired.

No thoughtful observer of the position which we and our respective associates hold towards each other, can doubt that there is much wrong pertaining thereto. I will not undertake to say where the blame lies; but I do desire to take that attitude towards you which the claims of truth and right require. Will you meet me in the same spirit, and look at our differences from a new point of view?

The history of other controversies should teach us a lesson pertinent to our relations to each other. How often has it been found, when the strife was over, that the partisans were both mistaken in the position of their opponents! Prejudice and personal antipathies have, it may be, so enveloped them as to prevent their seeing that those with whom they were at variance ought to have been, and might easily have become, friends and allies. Without claiming for myself any less liability to error, I see that you entertain much misapprehension which I hope to do something to remove. To enter on a formal discussion is not my object. Your feelings—and it may be true of my own—seem to be too much embittered to make controversy useful.

My aim is to place before you as strong an assurance as I can give expression to, of my conviction that the differences which separate us are neither in kind nor in degree what you seem to imagine. I hope to do this without cherishing animosity myself, or provoking recrimination in you.

To the extent of my knowledge and belief, the opinions of homeopathic physicians cannot properly be said to be antagonistic to your own. To us, the details of Anatomy, Physiology, and Pathology are necessary, as well as to you. The varied discoveries in science, care-