

evidences of our senses, when satisfied of the improvements resulting from our investigations and practice.

As Reformers, we expect to meet the opposition of those who adhere to *old opinions*; some idolize the venerable past; time defies her doctrines; with such, improvement and progress are irreverent innovations. The visions of the past, though distant and fading, are more certain to their sight, than the imagery of the future. True, the influences of the past are present, and will extend into the future, but to be modified, developed and perfected, in coming time. We would not limit nor restrain, but extend and give free scope to mind, scanning the past, improving the present and perfecting the future. We are denounced as Reformers, and derided for our temerity; and so were all the benefactors of our race who preceded us. We are furnished with this truthful, cheering evidence, that we are successfully laboring for the good of man; it encourages our hearts to continue our efforts. The opposition is weakening, though still bitter against us. It is not so widely diffused, but more concentrated and caustic. *We shall overcome* it by the power of truth, through the agency of a superior practice, whose demonstrations we know are convincing and conclusive.

Not long since, vegetable medicines were considered impotent remedies to decide in the fearful contest between disease and health. Now the heroic minerals are believed to be deadly agents, arbitrating in favor of dissolution. These are now less employed; their uncongeniality to the human constitution, is as well known now to the peasant as it was formerly to the chemist; sad experience taught them the *fatal* lesson, which their use occasions. Yet the practice yields reluctantly its missives of death, so long sanctified by use, and held sacred in the estimation of the learned. Permit me to remark, the ONLY HOPE of salvation for their Allopathic system of medicine is, to gradually and imperceptibly change its doctrines and practices, without exciting the suspicions of professional rivals. Ah, feeble effort to delude detection! Guilt is perceptible in their latest text works. He who doubts, look there and read. *Change*, in such instances, results from the pressure motive, from influences without and beyond their control.

The influence of Reformers is every where felt. Their principles are instilled into the best minds—the most independent thinkers in our country are indoctrinated with these opinions. The science verges on revolution. The older party are discomfited, and are yielding to the superior claims of