

FAITH HEALING.

It is well known that Dr. P. S. Henson, the popular Chicago Baptist minister, has a defective eye. We go to hear him preach once in a while, and have got accustomed to the peculiar squint of that optic—in fact, we rather like it. But a good man and his wife who are members of the Henson household of faith have felt for some time that their pastor would be much improved if the lame eye could be made like unto the other. These persons are firm believers in the faith cure theory. Why should their beloved pastor not have two good eyes as well as one? They went to see him about it.

"We have been praying for you that you may have two perfect eyes," they said to the doctor, "and have now come to pray with you. Will you not ask the Lord right here and now to give you a new eye?"

Dr. Henson's reply was startling.

"What kind of teeth have you?" he suddenly asked the brother.

"Why—why, that's a strange question," he stammered, "but I don't mind telling you that my teeth are mostly false."

"What kind of teeth do you use, sister?" he asked of the other.

"Same kind," she frankly admitted.

"Well, good friends," rejoined the doctor, "you go and ask God to grow some new teeth in your mouths. According to your theory He will do it without delay. When you get your teeth, come around and we will see what can be done about that new eye!"

This happened some little time ago, so report saith. The good people are still grinding on artificial molars, and Dr. Henson still looks down on his great congregation with one eye. But he can see farther with that bright optic than most people can with two.—Epworth Herald.

HOMŒOPATHY AND SURGERY.

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It is only in comparatively recent times that surgery has become popular and effective in homœopathic ranks. For many years there existed a feeling that by careful selection of remedies all, or nearly all, diseases could be cured, and therefore the field of surgery was restricted to the relief of injuries due to accident.

In those early days the fact was recognized that the homœopathic is primarily and chiefly a therapist, and that, except in this department, there is nothing to distinguish him from his brother of the older school.

All of the marvellous victories of homœopathy has been won on the field of therapeutics; all of its renown and success there achieved. Every case of disease cured by means of our remedies is clearly a gain for homœopathy, while every victory by our surgeons adds little to the prestige of homœopathy, however much science in general may be the gainer.

At present the pendulum has swung far to one side. Homœopathy has its surgeons, many and skillful. The records of their brilliant achievements fill the pages of our journals and the meetings of the surgery sections of the American Institute of Homœopathy are better attended than those of materia medica, while the wards of our hospitals are replete with surgical cases.

It is time to give the pendulum a push in the other direction. Useful as surgery is, it has usurped too great a place in medicine, tending to crowd out of consideration the true foundation of our system materia medica, and attracting our graduates away from the careful study of remedies.

So far as this is true, it is to be dreaded and deplored. Surely we do not find

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