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### THE SCIENCE AND THE ART OF IT

On October 15th, there was laid with imposing ceremony, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, the corner stone of the new medical building of the University of Michigan, in which additional facilities are to be placed at the disposal of the students in the Homœopathic department of that university. The Medical Century says.—“A feature of the exercises was an able address by Professor Adami, the eminent pathologist of McGill University, of Montreal, on the practice of medicine as a science and art. He paid a tribute to the Homœopathic school, and asserted his belief that the great success of Homœopathy was largely due to their unbounded faith in medicines and the careful noting of the symptoms and history of disease. He showed that the successful physician practiced the art rather than the science of medicine, and while not believing that this is as it should be, he conveyed the idea that in seeking after science, art should not be neglected.

We are glad to welcome the day when so eminent a man as Professor Adami

can make a speech before the students of the University of Michigan without casting slurs at Homœopathy. There are many pseudo scientists in and out of that institution who could profit by the lesson.”

We are delighted to give further circulation to those pleasant words referring to Dr. Adami's address. We are still more pleased to note that the Doctor's views on Homœopathy are very much more complimentary to the intelligence of the members of that profession than were those of a one time professor at the University of McGill. This eminent gentleman, now deceased, took occasion in one of his lectures to his students to compare the results of the so-called “regular” and homœopathic schools in the treatment of a certain disease which had recently been quite prominent. The statistics were against the “regulars,” as they usually are, and it naturally was incumbent upon the Doctor to say something “explanatory.” Dramatically, he closed his remarks by saying, in effect:—“But do not be led, by these figures, into the conclusion that it was homœopathic medicine that accomplished this good result, for I tell you it was their ‘nursing’ that did it.” Quite as dramatically, one of his students clapped his note-book shut and said, “Then I'm going to be a nurse!”

Doctor Adami has got quite a step further than the “nursing” idea, and is willing to credit the homœopathists with