

BEFORE SURGERY HAD DONE
ITS BEST.

At the annual meeting of the American Association of Obstetricians, held at Toronto recently, considerable attention was given to appendicitis. Among the eminent surgeons taking part in the discussion was Dr. Donald MacLean, of Detroit, and the American Journal of Obstetrics reports him as saying that in his belief in a great many cases in which an operation had been performed the patients would have recovered without the operation, and permanently. "In our practice," continued the doctor, "we have to contend with the opposition of the friends or relatives of the patients regarding surgical interference, and this is a serious matter. It takes a man with a good deal of moral courage to go into a family and say to a mother or father, 'Your lovely daughter of 14 has got appendicitis and must be operated on at once.' It causes the family great sorrow, and sometimes catastrophes of another kind result from it. For instance, in Detroit a young lady of a prominent family was taken with appendicitis and so diagnosed by her physician. He called in a surgeon, who advocated immediate operation, which had the effect of horrifying the family to such an extent that my surgical friend and physician were both dismissed from the case. A homœopath was called and sure enough the case got well."—Daily Press. The particular homœopath in this particular case was Dr. C. C. Miller, president of Detroit Homœopathic College.—Medical Councillor.

GOOD FOR BURNS.—Seventy-five grains of picric acid dissolved in two ounces of alcohol, to which a quart of water is added, makes an excellent application for burns. There is nothing which deadens the pain better. It should not be used after granulation begins to take place.—International Journal of Surgery.

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SOME MISTAKEN NOTIONS CONCERNING
HOMŒOPATHY.

W. A. Burr, M. D., Professor of Theory and Practice in Denver Homœopathic College, read a paper before the Colorado State Homœopathic Medical Society, on June 7th, of which the following report is taken from the "Critique," of Denver:—

Homœopathy has had a wonderful record. It is but a little more than a century since this new system of healing was promulgated, and yet in many cities and localities of our country it is coming to be the dominant school of practice. Its patrons are increasing in numbers, and are as enthusiastic as ever in their loyalty to the new school. Homœopathic colleges and hospitals, as well as homœopathic literature, are steadily on the increase in enlightened countries. Wherever Homœopathy once gains a foothold and is fairly represented by good physicians, there it remains and grows. It has the support of intelligent people everywhere; and the more they see of it, the better they like it. The more it comes in competition with other systems of healing, the more apparent comes to be its superiority. It stands the test of time and experience and is destined to become the dominant practice in all enlightened lands.

But there are still some mistaken notions concerning the doctrine of Homœopathy, but for which it would have made still greater progress. Hundreds of Old School physicians have already abandoned the old system of healing for the new. But for these mistaken notions, where hundreds have come from the ranks of other schools of practice, thousands would have been seen rallying to the standard of Similia. It is the purpose of this paper to point out some of these mistaken notions.

A homœopathic physician does not have to confine himself to the high potencies in order to be an orthodox homœopath, but needs only to believe in and prescribe according to the law Similia. Leading homœopathic physicians the world over use low potencies as well as high. As a rule, however, they do restrict themselves to the use of the sub-physiological dose. In this they are in full accord with the sentiment of the rank and file of the Homœopathic school. Hahnemann himself, during the greater portion of his professional career, and