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### INTERNAL MEDICATION FOR DIRECT REMEDIAL EFFECTS.\*

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At the American Medical Association in May last, Dr. Solomon Solis Cohen, in his address as chairman of the Section of Materia Medica, Pharmacy and Therapeutics, said: "Under all circumstances it must be kept in mind that neither morbid agents nor remedial measures add anything to the powers possessed by the body. They alter, they invoke the natural actions and reactions—the vital processes of disease and recovery; but it is the living body that determines the nature of the disease process—it is the living body that determines the nature of the process of recovery."

Admitting this, it matters not whether Byron Robinson ("The Abdominal Brain": The Clinic Pub. Co., Chicago, 1899) is right when he claims that the ganglionic system generates a form of nerve force separate and distinct in character from that generated by the cerebro-spinal system; or Schofield ("The Force of Mind": Churchill, London, 1902) that the functioning of organs are all manifestations of unconscious mind, for it will hardly be questioned that the ganglionic system is the agent through which life influences the functions of organs.

When Hahnemann, as a regularly educated physician, announced his idea in therapeutics (*Similia similibus curanter*), the profession had been for a long time a unit in pursuing methods of cure that are now universally condemned. When he proceeded to demonstrate that this idea had an element of truth in it by his

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\*Read at meeting of the Canadian Medical Association, London, Ont., September, 1903.