

the appliances will give him an equal chance of life and health.

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The Late Medical Lecture.

"The first great discovery of Hahneman was, that LIKE CURES LIKE, or SIMILIA SIMILIBUS CURANTUR, or the hair of the same dog cures the bite; that is, if you freeze your foot, and wish a cure, you should freeze it harder; if you burn your hand, you must burn it deeper; if you have a headache, you should take something to make it ache harder."—EXTRACT FROM A LATE LECTURE BEFORE THE ST. CATHARINES MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Had we no other reason to deny the pretensions of the Lecturer to a knowledge of Homeopathy, the above would be quite sufficient. Every statement, it will be perceived, is on the principle of *identity* not of *similarity*. Consequently, it is not so good an exposition of Homeopathy as of the amiability of the Lecturer. What he endeavors to ridicule is, that the *same cures the same*, or *identities cure identities*; and we surmise the Doctor must have been thinking of his favorite Allopathy, which operates much on that principle. If you have a diarrhœa, he would give you physic; had you pain in your chest, he would cause one to correspond on the surface; had you sore eyes, he would make sores behind the ears; had you a sick stomach, he would give an emetic.

Admitting him to be honest in the matter, he does not seem to be aware of the difference between the words *same* and *similar*. This being so, are not his audiences "humbugged." However, those desiring information in regard to Homeopathy, will not be so unwise as to seek it from their Allopathic friends.

PHILOSOPHY OF MEDICINE.—When we have violated the physiological laws, and are suffering the penalty, *i. e.*, are tormented with local or constitutional disease, then remedies are needed to assist nature in restoring the obstructed organs to the free use of the vital principle. These remedies are called Medicines, and are abundantly provided for this very purpose, by the hand of Him who made the organism, fixed its laws,

and forbid their violation. They are to the body what the Saviour is to the soul,—restoratives from sin committed; and as such, are not an evil, as the incurably drugged, or, as our Water Cure friends say, but a positive good. They have derived their erroneous opinions from the fact, that they have seen persons physically ruined by crude drugs, an evil sure enough. They reason imperfectly here. Because "the whole need not a Physician," they suppose him an evil to the sick. The evil consists in needing the Physician, and in the violation of laws that demand his attention.

NOTICES OF BOOKS, &c.—**HOMEOPATHY VS ALLOPATHY:** An Address delivered before the Homeopathic Medical Society of Canada, at its Annual Meeting in Hamilton, May 15th, 1855; and repeated, by request, in the city of Toronto, June 25th, 1855,—by JAMES LILLIE, M. D., D. D., Professor of MacLay College, Toronto. Published by the Society, with an Appendix containing its Proceedings. Toronto, 1855, (pamphlet,) pp. 40. For sale by BARN & THOMPSON.

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HOMEOPATHY VS. ALLOPATHY.—The manner in which public attention has become engrossed by the struggle existing between Homeopathy and Allopathy, for supremacy, is a fact apparent to all who have, in the least, studied the progress of medical science. Never before was so fierce a warfare waged as that which at present distinguishes the proceedings of our opponents, who, one and all, seem to consider that they are engaged in a special duty in attempting to annihilate us—that is, if they can. The wish is certainly, in this case, the father to the thought, but the futility of the endeavor will, before long, be found out.

The most aggravating part of the business, to the Allopaths, is, that while the small and junior members of their body are rapidly assaulting us, with the coarsest epithets the vocabulary of Billingsgate can produce, we, to our perfect satisfaction, are daily being made acquainted with the recognition of our principles by some of their brightest ornaments, who do not hesitate publicly to adopt them whenever it suits their