

of prescribing the antiquated remedies of the British Pharmacopeia?

The truth is that our Pharmacopeia is an anachronism. It contains, of course, plenty of old and well-tried friends, but they are almost swamped in rubbish. When a person has travelled by an express train, it is idle to assure him that a coach is the best way of getting about, and still more idle to complain, when he refuses to go back to coaching, that his tiresome choice is due to the fact that coachmen have forgotten how to drive. The British Pharmacopeia does not meet the needs of the present day, and in consequence it goes to the wall. No one is responsible for this except those whose business it is to keep the Pharmacopeia level with the march of civilization. This they have neglected to do, and the result is what we see.—*The Hospital.*

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#### **Relation of Medicine to Other Professions.**

McWhorter discusses the changes that have been brought about in the practice of Medicine by those of environment, the crowding of population in the cities, the discoveries of science, etc., and considers the relation of the physician with the lawyer, the press, the legislature, the engineer, the educator, and the social economist. He particularly contrasts the results of the old French Canal Company at Panama, with its disregard and ignorance of hygienic conditions, with those of the brilliant, hygienically conducted enterprise of Colonel Gorgas, and remarks that "the adverse forces of Nature may be scientifically controlled; they may not be ignored." To the general practitioner McWhorter says: "Do not misapprehend the dignity and importance of your efforts because of the humble station in life of your patients. The country doctor whose homely science restored Abraham Lincoln to health in boyhood days probably made a larger contribution to the needs of humanity than did the brilliant surgeons who operated on Napoleon III. or the Emperor Frederick. It might be well to remember this, gentlemen, as you sit at the bedside of some bare-ankled girl or some freckle-faced boy. Only a large perspective reveals the true relations of things."—*Alabama M. Jour.*