

self-evident, and luminous as possible. The essentials I regard as eminently these:—Every article in the *Materia Medica*, prescribed by a homeopathic practitioner, shall have been previously taken by a healthy person (intentionally or otherwise), and its disease producing (pathogenetic) symptoms duly ascertained and accurately recorded. That medicine be uniformly administered in a pure and unmixed state, singly, alone, and by itself (or mixed with water, spirit of wine, or an inert substance, termed sugar of milk.) That the remedy in question shall be strictly homeopathic, or similar in its properties to the group of morbid symptoms presented by each individual or peculiar case. We further maintain, that medicines which are injurious in large quantities, will in small ones be found not only soothing, but generally curative, when employed homeopathically; and that our medicines to be curative, by direct and positive homeopathicity, must also be efficient to produce analogous derangements in a person of sound health. Our medicines are, therefore, efficient to induce, and multiplied experience assures us, to cure, and, as a general rule, to operate best—that is, in the language of Asclepiades, of old, *cito, tuti, et jucunde*, quickly, safely, and pleasantly, when given according to the right indications for their selection, in infinitesimal, or very minute quantities. On the subject of the *psoric* hypothesis, or the peculiar nature of chronic diseases, a doctrine similar to which, in all essential particulars, was held long anterior to the time of Hahnemann, and that of *dynamization*, or the exaltation of latent power, elicited by long-continued trituration and succession, notwithstanding they are, in my judgment, substantially correct, and incontrovertible doctrines. The people are committed to their rejection; for, whether believed in or not, *homeopathy, justified by experience, remains a great fact*. We are often appealed to for an answer to the interrogatory, What is homeopathy? Were we disposed to retaliate, and return evil for evil, may it not be aptly inquired, What is allopa-

thy?—the regular, orthodox, legitimate, practice of medicine, in what consists its laws, its rules, its unerring principles, its never-failing and infallible data, from which to deduce a trustworthy guide, a beacon-light, to aid and assist us, in our difficult task of healing the sick, cleansing the leper, making the blind to see, and the lame to walk? and, as we have heard and read so much of late about the fallacies of the homeopathic faculty, and the facility with which statistics can be cooked (I humbly submit they are not cooked with strychnine, after the alleged manner of Palmer, of Rugely), and made to subserve our purposes of warfare, I say does it not become, in all fairness and justice, the imperative duty of opponents of the new system of mild medicine to ask themselves whether *their* mode of practice so closely approximates perfection as to admit of no improvement? Were they to do so, I apprehend a very little reflection would soon convince them that there is something "rotten in the state of Denmark," something more in heaven and earth than is dreamed of in their philosophy, which prejudice or interest (or both) dictates to them the propriety of doing all in their power to conceal. In answer to the question, What is homeopathy?—Emphatically, the lawful and allowable method of perpetrating physis on the people of Great Britain, her army and navy, her Crimean heroes, and brave defenders of the faith. Answer it, Sir John Forbes, physician to the Queen's household, what say you? You are an elegant scholar, an elaborate writer, and have grown grey in the allopathic service—"it would fare better if all drugs were abandoned." Dr. James Johnson was long the talented editor of the *Medico-Chirurgical Review*, an experienced practitioner, well versed in the literature of his profession, and physician to the fourth William; though dead he yet speaketh. "Verily there would be less mortality among mankind if there were no doctors and druggists." Dr. Reid avers "that more children are daily destroyed by the pestle and mortar than in the ancient Bethlehem fell victims in