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### HOMŒOPATHY AND ALLOPATHY CONTRASTED.

When asked for the difference between the two schools of medicine, I reply that in brief it is that allopaths prescribe for a diagnosis, whilst homœopaths seek in the history of the patient for the original cause or causes of the disease. For example, rheumatism has different causes, and therefore requires varying treatments. In all my experience with allopaths, before my good fortune led me to try homœopathy, I found they prescribed for the diagnosis, and having alleviated the symptoms, were content and ranked the results as a cure. In truth there was no approach to a cure, and in a time more or less short, the conditions became as bad or worse than ever. This method is continued until the patient's vitality being exhausted, he dies. No discredit attaches to the doctors, because you see the case was incurable. Yet if homœopathy is right in going back of the diagnosis to find out the original causes, then allopathy stands condemned as no more scientific

than the practice of any quack who finds a certain medicine sometimes cures a disease (or rather drives it inward, as is the more common result), and forthwith prescribes that remedy in every case of such disease.

In chronic diseases, such as gout, rheumatism and kidney troubles, allopathy is powerless, as is demonstrated by the nobility and wealthy resorting year after year to famous baths and waters. Allopathy merely plays with these diseases, and at a high price too, for in addition to the legions of doctors maintained (there are 200 in Bath alone), think of the loss to the world of such a man as Lord Salisbury, retired long before he might naturally be counted out. Homœopathy can and does cure these diseases. It teaches that the symptoms manifesting themselves at any one time are only a portion of the deep-seated malady, and that at the root of the conditions lies a chronic miasm which the body cannot throw off. Suppressed skin diseases are believed to be the main cause of inherited and constitutional disease tendencies. Other suppressed diseases cover the rest of this large field. This conception by Hahnemann is the highest flight of his genius, and would alone place him in the front rank of true physicians.

The homœopathic materia medica contains nothing but what has been the subject of close and wide experimentation on healthy human beings, so called drug-proving. If a drug produces certain symptoms on such persons, it may be relied on to be nature's remedy for the disease marked by those