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Quacks and Empirics.

We so frequently hear of Allopathic Physicians denouncing practitioners of our school as being quacks and empirics, that we have come to the conclusion to discuss the matter, for the purpose of enabling our readers to determine which school of Physicians, if either, best deserves to have such titles applied to its members.

Most of our Homeopathic Physicians in this Province, have had the advantage of Allopathic preceptors, and attended Allopathic lectures, at Allopathic Colleges, Allopathically endowed, so that they are so far equal with Allopathic Physicians.

Let us enquire what we have done, to call forth such epithets from old physic. Our attention has been called to this new system of Medicine, we have examined its fundamental laws, and tested the efficacy of its remedies, at the bedside of our patients. Governed by reason, and not prejudice, we have substituted the Homeopathic treatment for the Allopathic, just so far and fast as we found it more safe in curing disease.

Could we, as honest men, have done less? We have sacrificed no knowledge which we possessed at the commencement of the investigation; nor have we tied our hands to any one system, but can use Allopathy as well now as ever. Both interest and duty compel us to cure our patients in a mild, prompt, and permanent manner; and not to sacrifice them to any system. And to suppose that we suffer our patients to die, when we have any reason to think that they can be cured by any other method, is to suppose that we are destitute of common sense and honesty. Our Physicians being equal to Allopathists, in old school knowledge, use Homeopathic treatment because they find it superior; and we will ask who is best able to judge,

with regard to the best treatment,—those who have no knowledge of the new system, or those who have tested it?

Does an Allopathist's ignorance of Homeopathy make him a safer Physician than he who understands both methods? What does any Physician lose by investigating Homeopathy? These are questions often asked! They are questions, to the true answer of which, the opposers of Homeopathy turn a deaf ear. But they are questions that will continue to be asked, until the last shadow of Allopathy has passed away.

It is reasonable to suppose that a true Physician, who is alive to the sufferings of his patients, and his responsibility to them, would be anxious to avail himself of any safe treatment, of the value of which he has any evidence. But how stands the matter with the Allopathist? They deny the testimony of those educated in the same schools with themselves, whose testimony and judgment they have been accustomed to respect, in regard to a simple matter of fact, that Homeopathic remedies will cure disease.

We ask the old school to test the remedies for themselves, assuring them that they need not fear deception. We tell them that there are no secrets in Homeopathy, but that the books are in market, and accessible to all, which fully explain the system, and the preparation of the remedies, in plain language. There are but three reasons why all Allopathists do not investigate Homeopathy. One is *prejudice*,—the second is *pride*, which considers it a disgrace to become a student,—the third reason is the *want of moral courage* to face the opposition and ridicule of the Medical faculty; which all experience has shown that all who embrace Homeopathy have to encounter. Medical Societies are constantly using their influence and power against investigation of Homeopathic truths.