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EDUCATION IN HOMŒOPATHY

We are in receipt of a letter from a subscriber in Toronto, advocating the necessity of a more general education of the laity in the tenets of homœopathy, thereby giving them a firmer ground for their faith. He advises the publication of lists of pamphlets, etc., the reading of which "will enable those who accept the homœopathic treatment to become well enough informed on the 'Why of Homœopathy' to withstand the thin ridicule that the not well informed regulars cast on what they don't take the trouble to examine for themselves."

We cordially agree with our correspondent on this subject, and hope to be able to offer a few suggestions in the near future which will lead the masses to more readily grasp the beneficent ideas of our system. From a certain point of view the thing which, perhaps, more than any other militates against the universal

adoption of homœopathy, is its wonderful simplicity of method and ease of action. The world in all ages has been ever ready to grapple with the intricate and reach out after the unattainable, stumbling meanwhile over truth lying humbly in its path, and only awakened to the fact after sundry and sometimes serious bumps against the lowly obstacle. Again, man in the mass is essentially materialistic, and especially so when frightened or sick, at which time the senses of taste, smell, etc., are prominent, even to the occlusion of the reasoning power, which prevents the administration of any system of medicine save the most heroic. When well, he has no need for physic, and gives it but little thought, and less thought to the fact that the Creator had made in him the most wonderful, delicate and intricate piece of mechanism possible, which the most minutely divided drugs and subtle disease could easily disturb the equilibrium of. The using of a crow-bar to regulate the delicate works of a watch might be effective, though detrimental to the structure, yet it could hardly be more injurious in its application than the dosing with crude drugs is on the marvellously adjusted organs of the human body. The exceptions to the charge of materialism are that those who use the sense of sight, and having seen the results of homœopathic medication in others, try it for themselves, without giving faith a thought; generally, this