

And it not unfrequently happens, when a project or invention has struggled its way to enviable reputation, against opposition, neglect and malignity, that those persons who have been most loud in their denunciations, suddenly find that they have been patrons of it from the beginning, and endeavor surreptitiously to receive a portion of the praise.

But what says Lady Mary of the actual time and fact? "The four Physicians deputed by the Government to watch the progress of her daughter's inoculation, betrayed not only such incredulity as to its success, but such an unwillingness to have it succeed, such a spirit of rancor and malignity, that I never cared to leave the child alone with them for an instant, lest it should suffer in some secret way from their interference."

Previous to 1616, the circulation of the blood was not understood. It was supposed to have some movement in the system, by its flow from wounds; but the opinions were vague and absurd. Some supposed that it was superficial at one season of the year, and deeper seated at another. Others imagined that it came to the surface in the day time, and retreated to the internal organs at night. And by others, equally false and ridiculous opinions were maintained.

During this year, William Harvey, an English Physician, Lecturer on Anatomy and Surgery to the College of Physicians, promulgated his discovery of the circulation of the blood, or the system of arterial circulation. How was it received? It was treated with ridicule and contempt. Persecution awaited him, and the combined efforts of the profession to destroy his reputation, were so far successful that he lost the greater part of his practice. The same College of Physicians, who afterwards opposed the improvements of Montague and Jenner, made the circulation of the blood the subject of their bitterest satire, and many refused to meet him in consultation,—a practice scrupulously adhered to by many of their brethren at the present day.

This same opposition was encountered by the immortal JENNER, the discoverer of Vaccination, in 1798. The Clergy united their influence with the Medical Profession, in denouncing it as quackery, and endeavored to prove from the Scriptures, that it was verily *Anti-Christ*.

We might give other instances of the opposition that discoveries and improvements have had to encounter, from the stream of prejudice, that has worn for itself a wide and almost unfathomable channel; but we think these will suffice to satisfy every unprejudiced mind.

The foregoing will answer the remark frequently made,—“If Homeopathy is really an improvement in the art of Medicine, why, Physicians must know it, and would adopt it. Let me see the Medical Profession recognize it, then I shall feel bound to believe:” which amounts to saying,—“Let me see that happen in regard to Homeopathy, that never occurred before, under like circumstances, and I will then give it a trial. Let us see miracles wrought; let the dumb be made to speak; the congenital deaf made to hear; the idiot brought to reason; the exhausted libertine and debauchee restored to youthful vigor, and we will then give it attention.”

“Physicians understand it; and if it were of real utility they would not deny its advantages to their disease-stricken friends.” That Allopathic Physicians are unacquainted with its principles, the *modus operandi* of the Medicines, or even the manner of prescribing the remedies, is an undeniable fact. Physicians, like other men, know only what they learn. And we have yet to meet the Allopathic Physician, who has studied Homeopathy with an unprejudiced mind, and faithfully proved the remedies in the treatment of disease, that has not given his testimony to its superiority and advantage over old school Medicine, by adopting it as his future profession.

Men who have spent years in acquiring knowledge in a particular calling,—who have been schooled to certain dogmas, and adopted the knowledge so obtained as a profession, have a certain pride of opinion, and the reputation of their art to maintain. In their reasoning