

PREFACE.

No one asked us to write this pamphlet. We do it on our own individual responsibility. Homœopathy has been traduced and grossly misrepresented. We appear to defend it. We have had a hard task. Satire and ridicule give but few points of argument, and but slightly injure the system. In fact, we may state that the "Evidences" have been doing a good work, for we speak the truth when we state that since it was issued we have been consulted by nine patients who have been induced to test Homœopathy by reading Dr. B's production. A fact, flattering to both Dr. Bayard and ourselves. Flattering to him that he has had nine readers, and, to us, that we have them for patients.

We have made extensive quotations from Professor Henderson. It could not be avoided, as Dr. B. quotes entirely from Simpson.

Hoping all who read the "Delusion" will give attention to the opposite side of the question, we leave the Reply in the hands of an intelligent community to judge of the relative merits of the two rival systems of medicine.

The year of grace 1857, has been already celebrated for two expected catastrophes, which, however, did not take place.

1st. The Comet of Charles V. was to knock the world into small pieces, on the 16th June last. The world still survives the expected collision.

2nd. The "Evidences of the Delusions of Homœopathy by R. Bayard, M. D., D.C.L.," was to quash Homœopathy during the same month. So we were to have that system of delusions destroyed without doubt. If the fatal comet left any stray infinitesimals upon the fragments of earth the "Evidences" would finish them—Homœopathy still survives!

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