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IS HOMEOPATHY WORTHY the CONSIDERATION OF THE ALLOPATHIC PROFESSION AND THE PUBLIC.

THE importance of the end sought to be obtained, the possibility of the proposed means to accomplish the desired result, should govern us in the investigation of facts presented to accomplish a specific purpose.

The object of all medical learning and treatment, is to relieve "the thousand natural shocks that flesh is heir to," to bring back the rosy-hued health to the pale and shrunken cheek, and find a balm for man's infirmities, and to discover and point out the means of resisting the effects of the changing seasons, pestilential miasms, and contagious, that spread on the wings of the wind.

To accomplish this, the animal, vegetable, and mineral kingdoms have been ransacked for remedies to meet the requirements of disease; the garden, the field, the ocean, and the bowels of the earth have been tortured by the hand of science to develop agencies with which to control disease and cut short its duration. Theory, speculation, and hypotheses have been reared to the same end; learning and genius have wasted their energies on the vexed question; but still, down to the beginning of the nineteenth century, but little progress had been made in the successful application of medicinal agencies to the cure of disease.

The medical world have become wearied with the absurdities and contradictions of the innumerable theories that

have from time to time been presented, until, in the language of the venerable Dr. Waterhouse, they have "become sick of learned quackery."

The allopathic profession appear to have become sceptical as to there being, or ever to be, a system of medicine discovered that shall stand, like the Newtonian philosophy, a rock amid the storm of ages. It is almost universally acknowledged that there is no system in the present day by which "old physic" is guided in the practice of its disjointed art. It appears to have relapsed into a species of eclecticism, the most specious delusion and mythical philosophy that science was ever burthened with.

Allopathic physicians of the best attainments are no way reluctant or sparing in their denunciations of the existing state of allopathic medicine. Dr. Forbes, of London, says, "The present state of old physic is lamentable—it cannot be worse—it must either end or mend."

Hahnemann presents to the profession a system of medical treatment, founded on an unchangeable law of nature, an immutable basis that never deceives its votaries. It has been introduced with peculiar success in all parts of the civilized world. It has been tried in all forms of disease, and rendered a satisfaction unknown to the annals of allopathy. We would not present this as mere assertion, but would refer our readers to the article by our friend T. N., in this No., wherein will be found statistics gathered by Dr. Routh, an allopathic physician, which should have that weight with allopathists which they usually attach to their authors; also to other evidences of success, published from month to month in the JOURNAL.

We present to the profession and public a system of medical treatment that