

despise the whole system, they have been asserting in a positive manner for fifty years past, that it was rapidly dying out, and in almost numberless instances laymen have been referred to distant countries in illustration of their assertions. During this long period no efforts have been omitted to arrest the progress of our doctrines, and to persecute their advocates. The most infamous slanders, the grossest misrepresentations, personal abuse, and even legislative enactments have repeatedly been resorted to by our opponents to effect their unhallowed purposes.

And what has been the result? Has the steady progress of our school from its origin down to the present moment ever once been interrupted? Even in those despotic countries where, through the machinations of selfish and malignant professional adversaries, penal laws have been enacted against our practitioners, has not its advancement ever been the same—steady, certain, and durable? Have not the blows of her assailants always recoiled against themselves with pernicious effect? Have not their weapons been of clay, and their point of attack a rock of truth?

Let our hospitals and dispensaries in every portion of the civilized world answer. Let the two excellent homeopathic colleges in Philadelphia and Cleveland—the increasing army of intelligent homeopathic physicians throughout the world—the millions of laymen who rely exclusively upon our system for the cure of disease, and the thousands of splendid intellects which have openly acknowledged the truth and beauty of our doctrines re-echo the response. Finally, let us appeal to the glowing and happy faces, the robust bodies, and the vigorous constitution of the rising generation of homeopaths in proof of our position.

We have already observed that the doctrines of our school, have, until quite recently, been met by our opponents with sneers and ridicule. Our doses have been scoffed at, and each allopathic physician, or some infantine member of his family has eaten with impunity (if we may believe what is constantly asserted) the contents of some stray homeopathic medicine box! Almost every old school physician has a story of this kind to relate as a conclusive argument against homeopathy.

We congratulate the homeopathic pharmacies throughout the world, for the immense profits they must realize from this enormous sale of medicines!

But unfortunately for the interests of our amiable brethren of the ancient school, these sneers, these affections of contempt, and these stale calumnies have not had the slightest influence in retarding the progress and prosperity of our school. Their interested motives have been so apparent, and the *animus* which always governs them is so perfectly manifest, that the public receive all communications from such sources with entire distrust.

In view of these facts, a total change of tactics has recently been resorted to. Now, instead of ridiculing our doses, and consuming at a single sitting, the contents of innumerable homeopathic medicine boxes, our remedies are accused of being immensely active, and our doses, enormous. Instead of being the powerless atoms which have called