

method, and my success will not suffer in comparison with any one. As to the use of water, I give it freely as the patient desires for drink, and sponge the forehead and face with cold water. Some of my brethren have, in some few instances, used a wet sheet, they say, with benefit; but I have never resorted to it. The homeopathic treatment is so triumphantly successful, when used with skill and judgment, that I have never resorted to any other, and I practice homeopathy pure and unmixed. I do not give castor oil or any allopathic contrivance whatever.—*North Amer. Jour. Homeop.* VAIL.

#### DR. WILKINSON'S FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF HOMEOPATHY.

DR. WILKINSON, an eminent English Physician, and distinguished homeopathic writer, thus records his first impressions of homeopathy:—

Our eldest child, a baby then, was attacked in the night with a sudden bronchitis, attended with great wheezing and oppression. My wife and I sat in bed in sanitary conjugal quorum. I ordered Ipecacuanha Wine as an emetic, and I went down stairs and fetched it. There it stood by the bed-side, and the question was, who should give it? My wife said nothing, and I broke a short silence by observing that the medicine was there. She then said, "Well!" and another silence ensued. I too now said, "Well!" and again we were silent. At length she said, "What are you going to do?" I said, "What are you going to do?" She said that she was not going to give the child that medicine. I felt indignant in all my professional frame, and I told her that the ordering of medicine was the doctor's department, that it was the business of mothers and nurses to give it. She replied that I was not only doctor here, but also father and nurse, and that I must do it or it would not be done; and she added also, that she had no faith in that stuff; and furthermore, that she was glad now that I had seen at home what burdens were daily laid on parents and nurses when I went away from house to house, leaving such things to be transacted between my visits. I thought of the denunciation in the gospel against those who lay on grievous burdens, which themselves will not touch with one of their fingers; and I could not but admire her disobedience. But she did not stop here: but told me that for a long time (she had hinted this before) she had felt a repugnance to all my practice, and that this very occasion was sent, partly to oblige me to look into that new thing called homeopathy. The upshot of the matter was, that my wife gave a particle of Ipecac., such as would pass through the eye of a needle to the child; after which the oppression of the breathing passed away. The circumstance made an impression on my mind, and I now record it, being sure as day, that humble and simple as it is, it will leave a mark upon the minds of mothers.