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PREFACE.

The strength of a chain is equal to that of its *weakest* link, and similarly the value of a person's life may be equal to that of his *weakest* vital organ: here the particular organ is equal in importance to that of the entire organism.

Even where the tissue state of the entire organism is everywhere equally bad, it may be a life-saving act to relieve the particular organ that *first* gives way, so that time may be gained to alter the entire crisis or the quality of the stroma.

Death itself is often at the start in a particular organ, *i. e., local*, and if the part be saved in time life may be preserved. In the acute processes the value of a particular organ strikes one often very forcibly, there may be no need of any constitutional treatment; the one suffering part may be the whole case. And in many chronic cases certain organs claim, and must have, special attention. This is my standpoint in the following pages on DISEASES OF THE SPLEEN. As Forget says, "*Entre la nature médicatrice et la nature homicide, il n'y a souvent que l'épaisseur d'une oponévrose.*"

I deem it necessary to guard myself against misapprehension in one or two particulars. In the first

place, I understand by organ-remedy *not* a drug that is topically applied to a suffering organ for its physical or chemical effects, but a remedy that has an elective affinity for such organ, by reason of which it will find the organ itself through the blood. For instance, an astringent applied to a mucous surface to get rid of a catarrh is no organ-remedy in my meaning, it is no example of Rademacher's organopathy.

Then I do not put forward organopathy as an idea of my own, or as something new, but as that of Hohenheim, and of his co-doctrinaires, as resuscitated, extended, elaborated, and systematized by Rademacher, in the early part of this century. Honor to whom honor is due; poor Hohenheim has been maliciously befouled and meanly robbed long enough, and it is high time he should have the credit of his own genius, as well as of his own folly.

The modern father of organopathy is Johann Gottfried Rademacher, who was born on the 4th of August, 1772, and died on the 9th of February, 1850. His great life-work bears this title: "RECHTFERTIGUNG der von den Gelehrten misskannten verstandesrechten ERFAHRUNGSHILFLEHRE der ALTEN SCHEIDEKUNSTIGEN GEHEIMAERZTE, und treue Mittheilung des Ergebnisses einer 25-jährigen Erprobung dieser Lehre am Krankenbette, von Johann Gottfried Rademacher." The preface to the 1st edition is dated 1st April, 1841.

This is the work I so often refer to herein, and from which I translate the part on diseases of the spleen, though slightly condensed.

Further, I do not regard organopathy as something outside of homœopathy, but as being embraced by and included in it, though not identical or co-extensive with it. I would say—*Organopathy is homœopathy in the first degree.* And, finally, I would emphasize the fact, that where the homœopathic simillimal agent covering the totality of the symptoms, *and also the underlying pathologic process causing such symptoms,* can be found, there organopathy either has no *raison d'être* at all, or it is of only temporary service to ease an organ in distress.

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SOME OF THE LITERATURE RELATING
TO ORGANOPATHY WHICH I HAVE
CONSULTED.

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