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## PREFACE

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I AM indebted to the Council of the British Homœopathic Society for permission to reproduce the presidential address delivered by me in October, 1906. It has occurred to me that it may be of some service to our cause to give the address a separate existence, as it may possibly interest a wider circle of readers than the Society's Journal can reach.

In the history of the Enthusiasm of Homœopathy the name of one of our own countrymen must not be forgotten, and that is the name of

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Dr. John Epps. As my address dealt particularly with the career of Dr. Mure, I may be allowed to say a few words about Dr. Epps in this Preface. In meteoric brilliance, and in universality of reach, the career of Dr. John Epps cannot compare with that of Dr. Mure; but if John Epps did not found a new empire of Homœopathy in a new world, he kindled an undying flame of interest in Hahnemann's great discovery among the common people of our land. Mure and Epps were both alike inspired with unswerving and selfless devotion to the cause of Homœopathy and the cause of humanity, which with them were one and the same thing.

It is not a little remarkable that the divine afflatus fired them both at about the same period. Mure, as

we shall see, studied medicine because he had been cured by Homœopathy; and he took his degree in 1836. John Epps was converted to Homœopathy by the work of another Frenchman, Paul Francis Curie, grandfather of Pierre Curie of Radium fame, in 1837. From that time onward to the day of his death, some thirty-two years later, John Epps never ceased from his missionary labours; and to his efforts the present popularity of Homœopathy throughout our land is in no small measure due. Among the converts he made was the late Major Vaughan Morgan, whose services to the cause of Homœopathy as Treasurer of the London Homœopathic Hospital are part of history.

With the expression of my wish that the examples of Drs. Mure and Epps may prove contagious in our

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own times, and that their policy of the Fiery Cross may prevail in homœopathic ranks, I commend my presidential address to the kind consideration of my readers.

JOHN H. CLARKE.

8, BOLTON STREET, W.

*July 10, 1907.*



## The Enthusiasm of Homœopathy

FELLOWS AND MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH HOMŒOPATHIC SOCIETY,—First let me express the deep sense of gratitude I feel for the great honour you have conferred upon me in electing me to the highest office in your gift—a gratitude which is all the deeper because the honour was entirely unsolicited on my part, and unexpected. I accept the honour with the greater pleasure because I recognise in it something more than a purely personal favour. There is only one possible reason why you have elected me, and that is that you all know me for a “whole hogger,” and, doubtless, will expect me to live up to my reputation. I assure you that the best of all that is

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in me is at the service of this Society so long as, by your favour, I occupy this chair; for in serving this Society I know I am serving the cause of Homœopathy.

Homœopathy is a jealous mistress: she will brook no serious rival. My friend, Dr. Moir, was telling me the other day that some authority has stated that no person can attain the first rank in any game with a ball, and be first-rate in any other line of life as well. Whether or not Homœopathy is to be reckoned as a game of ball—by virtue of its globules, its pilules, and its globular drops—certain it is that it provides scope for all the best energies of every one of us—and of as many more as like to come into the fold—and a life-devotion to Homœopathy will not leave much energy to spare for anything else.

And from whatever point of view we regard it, Homœopathy is a mistress of whom we have every reason to be proud. Whether we regard it as a philosophy,

as a science, or as a life-saving, health-giving art, we may well be content to devote our lives to its exposition, elucidation and advancement. There is no branch of human endeavour more fruitful than ours in the practical advancement of our race and civilisation, and there is no department of our art, no section or degree of Homœopathy, which does not command the sympathy and fostering care of our Society. Like the Roman poet, our Society may say—*Homœopata sum: nihil homœopathici a me alienum puto.*

If any one wishes to know what is my religion, I reply, I am a Homœopath. My politics? I am a Homœopath. My fatherland? Homœopathy. With me, Homœopathy is first, and second, and third, and everything else that is desirable comes after that. This, I feel, is the proper attitude for this Society to assume, and that this is the attitude the Society has assumed, I read as the meaning of your election of myself to occupy this chair.

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