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## PREFACE

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These lectures were delivered in the POST-GRADUATE SCHOOL OF HOMŒOPATHICS, and published in the *Journal of Homœopathics*, and, now in somewhat revised form, are given to the profession with the hope that they will prove useful to some in giving a clearer apprehension of the doctrines of Homœopathy. They are not intended, in any sense, to take the place of the *Organon*, but should be read with that work, in the form of a commentary, the object in each lecture being to dwell upon the particular doctrine sufficiently to perceive and emphasize the master's thought. Not all of the paragraphs in the ORGANON have been considered, as many of them are sufficiently clear to the reader and their teaching is quite obvious.

Homœopathy is now extensively disseminated over the world, but, strange to say, by none are its doctrines so distorted as by many of its pretended devotees. Homœopathics treats of both the *science* and the *art* of healing by the law of similars, and if the *art* is to remain and progress among men the science must be better understood than at present. To apply the art without the science is merely a pretension, and such practice should be relegated to the domain of empiricism. To safely practice the art of curing sick people, the homœopathic physician must know the science.

It is not to be expected that this course of lectures covers the whole subject of homœopathic philosophy, but it is intended to serve as an introduction to further study, and as a text-book for students, that they may have a sound starting, and become interested in the objects of this work.

JAMES TYLER KENT.

Evanston, Ill., July 1, 1900.

## Preface to the Second Edition

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The first edition of this commentary on Hahnemann's *Organon of Medicine*, originally published in response to numerous requests of the profession, has long been exhausted. The great World War for the time being has stopped the further publications of the work.

During the war, and in the influenza epidemic, Homoeopathy proved its efficiency and superiority in so striking a manner (and will continue to do so in the period of reconstruction which is to follow), that it has resulted in an ever increasing demand for a work of this kind, and indeed from many of Homoeopathy's severest critics.

To meet the demand this second edition is offered, in full confidence that nowhere else is Homoeopathy expounded with such penetration, illumination and thoroughness. To students everywhere in search of the light this book is respectfully submitted.

Acknowledgment is due to Dr. George G. Starkey for aid in reading and partly revising the proofs. Such non-essential changes as have been made—as in the paragraphing—have in view the sharper outlining of important statements and economy of the reader's attention.

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Born in the State of New York, March 31, 1849. Died  
June 6, 1916, at Stevensville, Montana.

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**A Tribute**

All hail James Tyler Kent, to all endeared,  
Whom, as their chief, his pupils proudly claim,  
In ages yet unborn shall be revered,  
By countless hosts, his never-dying name.

We, who have groped in ignorance as blind,  
Rejoice as those who have received new sight;  
This gift we owe to his colossal mind,  
And through his teachings revel in the light.

The fire he kindled has been duly fanned  
And cannot now be quenched by floods or seas;  
The leaping flames spread on through every land,  
Restoring health and banishing disease.

Wakefield, England

HENRY B. BLUNT, M. B., C. M.

JAMES TYLER KENT, A. M., M. D.  
AN APPRECIATION

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HAIL KENT!

Prometheus-like, thy flame so bright,  
Has brought to us a ray of light  
From Hahnemann's shining path, so fond  
It blazes wondrous realms beyond.  
*Health*, for poor groping human-kind,  
A paradise on earth will find.  
*Dead?* No! Thy living law, its seeds will sow  
That good, diffused, may more abundant grow.  
Hail Kent!

Can anyone say "Kent is dead?" "Kent is laid away amid the snow-capped mountains of Montana!"

Kent never died! The earthly shrine of his immortal mind returns to dust amid the western mountains—Kent still lives!

Kent's influence still shines a burning torch to reveal truth.

His intense desire to alleviate suffering, to eradicate disease, led him to concentrate, by the power of his indomitable will, the forces of his vast intellect. He gave himself unstintingly to the arduous task of acquiring that deep knowledge by which he scaled the heights of the Homœopathic Law of Cure. Here his unclouded vision beheld the genius of Samuel Hahnemann. He grasped the Master's thought, he wielded the healing power, he reached greater heights.

Kent was discoverer of Series and Degrees. He blazoned new paths of practical research. His keen perception selected a comparatively few of the more receptive and studious from the larger body of students of the medical colleges where he lectured, that he might impart to them the deeper lore which he had through long years painstakingly acquired. These students of the privileged inner circle all but idolized their learned, beloved master. They organized themselves November, 1910, into the Society of Homœopaths that the master's messages might more readily reach all, and through them be disseminated by their own practice of pure Homœopathy, and by the