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P R E F A C E .

It was my intention to have translated and published some work upon the Cholera, upon the first apprehension of its visitation. But upon reading over everything which had been recently published upon the subject, the conclusion was apparent that such a course would not at all meet the demands of the case. The best articles were confined to the Medical Journals; others were meagre pamphlets, designed for laymen, and merely intended to supply a local want. I have therefore followed the advice of my excellent friend, Dr. Hering, and have written upon the subject, drawing upon all the material within my reach, none of which has been published in our language. The authorities are: Dr. Nus-

ser, Hahnemann, Dr. Lobethal, Dr. Wiesenstein, Dr. George Huseman, Dr. Hencke, and others, all of whom have written more or less extensively upon the subject.

F. HUMPHREYS.

Utica, November 23, 1848.

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THE CHOLERA
HOMŒOPATHICALLY TREATED.

WHEN the Cholera first made its appearance in Europe in 1831, Homœopathy could boast of but a small number of adherents. From the attenuated size of the doses of medicine employed, and the complete departure from the ordinary rules of practice, it had excited but comparatively little attention among the public or medical world. Among the monarchical institutions of Europe, where everything combines to sustain the powers that be, nothing is so much dreaded as the promulgation of new doctrines and opinions which may tend to unsettle the influence of those in place, and hence the disfavour with which

all new doctrines are viewed. It is not strange, that amid so many prejudicial influences the doctrines of Hahnemann, however beneficial for mankind, should have been received with no greater favour by physicians in general.

It was very generally believed when this Asiatic scourge first threatened western Europe with its presence, that should it come to be removed from its native jungles, and the crowded and ill-fed masses in the cities of the east, and subjected to the scrutinizing gaze and scientific examination of the enlightened physicians of Europe, its power would be broken. Numbers of the most able practitioners hastened to give the public their views upon the nature of the disease and its treatment, and in a short time the press was deluged with a very chaos of theories and opinions respecting it. But, alas! the Cholera paid but very little attention to these views. The treatment of the ablest allœopathic practitioners was but little more successful than that of the ignorant charlatan; and in almost every place where it appeared, in a very little time, the common people, scorning the mockery of such medical treatment,

cast their reproaches upon the physicians, refused all medical aid, and the half and even two-thirds of all who were attacked went down to the grave.

It was at this time that Hahnemann, in a brief circular, gave to his scattered disciples and the public his views respecting the treatment of this disease. He recommended the Camphor as the principal remedy, in connection with the Cuprum and Veratrum, upon the ground of their pathogenic action upon the healthy, as containing the required curative indications, and as being the most appropriate remedies in this disease. The success of their application placed the truth of his observation at once in the most brilliant light. His disciples administered these medicines with such marked success, that several different European governments afterwards authorized the collection of the various items of statistics which were formally reported to them. The following is a list of those in our possession.

1. Dr. Roth reported to the Bavarian government, that 1269 cholera patients had been treated homœopathically in the Bavarian and neighbouring Austrian states;

of these, 1184 were cured, and only 85 died.

2. Dr. Bakody reported officially to Count Ferraris, health commissioner, that in the territory of Raab, in Hungary, he had treated homœopathically 223 patients with Cholera. Of these, 215 were cured, and 8 died.

3. From the official report of Admiral Mordrinoff to the Russian government concerning the homœopathic treatment of Cholera, it appears :

1. That in the district of Balaschof there were in the several villages of that district, 625 patients treated by the Chamberlain, A. N. Svof, of whom 564 were cured, and 61 died.

2. In the same district, upon the property of the proprietor, when homœopathic aid was administered without the least delay, 50 cases occurred, and 50 were cured.

3. There were, from the report of M. Pevalischine, on his possessions, 38 treated : 36 cured, and two died.

4. Report of M. Bitutsky, on his possessions there were 19 cases : 16 cured, and 3 died.