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Preface

From time to time I have received requests for information on different subjects or copies of one or the other article that I had presented earlier. At times it was difficult to trace those articles and also to overcome the problem of making copies frequently, it was decided to have most of them published in one volume.

The articles could have been arranged chronologically, but it was felt that it would be more useful to put them according to the areas that they covered. As such there are the following sections: the first section consists of a General Introduction to the Science of Homoeopathy and its principles and their explanation. The second section deals with Hahnemann's *Organon of Medicine* and philosophical aspects. The third section deals with the Historical part and the fourth section is connected with the Materia Medica. The fifth section deals with Therapeutics of different conditions. The last or sixth section is a Miscellaneous section containing some Presidential Addresses, organisational matters, radio-talks etc.

However, it must be clearly understood that the sections cannot be completely separated. Many of the articles in the first section may also belong to the second. Also, while dealing with the history, some part of principles and philosophy are considered.

Since the subject of some of the papers may have certain features in common and the author remains the same, there is bound to be an overlap between some of the presentations. An effort has been made in a few places to delete part of the lecture to avoid such duplication. However, in other places this could not be avoided as the subject might have looked incomplete. To
mention some examples, "History of Medicine and Contribution of Hahnemann" is a very comprehensive paper. In preparing the subject of "Medical Ethics with special Reference to Human Experimentation", the proving part of the former has had to be repeated for the latter paper. Similarly, the "Importance of Mind in Homoeomethodology" and the changes in the hormonal secretions in states of stress, anger, grief, etc. may find a reference in the articles on Heart or Peptic Ulcer and some aspects in "Physician-Heal Thyself. Again a considerable similarity exists between the last named paper and "Some Thoughts on the Organon of the Art of Healing".

The last article in the Miscellaneous section, "Stamped on my memory, but not cancelled", dealing with the subject of philately could really have been in the Historical section. It is a kind of research into history, past and present, and the association' with homoeopathy of those whose stamps have been issued.

There is a solitary article by another author. She writes about homoeopathy, and the article concerns her experience after being under my treatment.

Pictures and visual impressions have always left a deep impression on me. As a medical student, I read in the preface of a profusely illustrated book that a picture is equal to ten thousand words. I have always maintained that it could even be a hundred thousand words. In my practice I diagnosed many cases by just observing them as they tallied with the pictures I had seen in medical texts and literature.

I have never forgotten an incident when a father brought his two young sons, and as they sat down I noticed their blue sclera and asked, "Have they suffered from fractures?". The father was taken aback because
they had indeed broken their bones repeatedly and suffered from the very rare disease of Fragilitas Ossium. I could make a spot diagnosis only because I had seen such a picture in a book.

There is also an old Chinese proverb, "Tell me, I'll forget. Show me, I may remember. But involve me, and I'll understand". As all cannot be involved, they can at least be shown. I have, therefore always been a great votary and a pioneer of the audio-visual techniques of lecture and teaching and I am glad that now many homoeopaths have taken to it. All these lectures had been profusely illustrated with slides (diapositives) during their presentation. In the earlier Homoeopathic Congresses, I was one of the very few who used such illustration material.

Many of these articles have been translated into different languages and published in the Journals of those countries or in the form of monograph booklets. To mention a few, the paper on "The Principles of Homoeopathy in Relation to Conceptions of Allergy and Immunity" was published in Allgemeine Homoeopathische Zeitung. The presentation on "Follow up of the case" and "Physician-Heal Thyself" were published in Klassiche Homoeopathic. In Sweden, translations of "Follow up of the Case", "Evaluation and Grading of Symptoms", "Framework of Kent's Repertory" and "Presidential address at the International homoeopathic Congress 1967" were published. This last one appeared in Tidskrift for Homoeopati Okt. 1968 3 Argang 49. "Follow up of the Case" was also translated into French and Spanish and published in France and Mexico respectively. The article connected with "Philately and Homoeopathy" evoked unusual interest and its Portuguese translation appeared in Similia in Brazil,
as also in England, and in India in 'Dak-Tar', the journal of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

This book covers my writings scattered over a long period of nearly forty five years. The lectures were delivered in some thirty countries spread over six continents. The reader should bear in mind the time frame when a paper was written to gauge its relevance. This is particularly necessary for the presidential addresses.

I wish to express my gratitude to my wife, who not only undertook the difficult task of proof reading of this work, but was the chief force in persuading me to put all these articles together for publication. Being short of time, I even felt somewhat pushed on occasion, but without such determination on her part, this book could not have seen the light of day. There have been requests for it for many years, but considering the time and energy involved in its preparation, the matter had always been postponed.

In a way, the writings of my lifetime are being presented in the *Compendium of Lectures on Homeopathy*, in the hope that enquiring minds will find herein useful material of diverse nature and on many different aspects of homoeopathy.

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