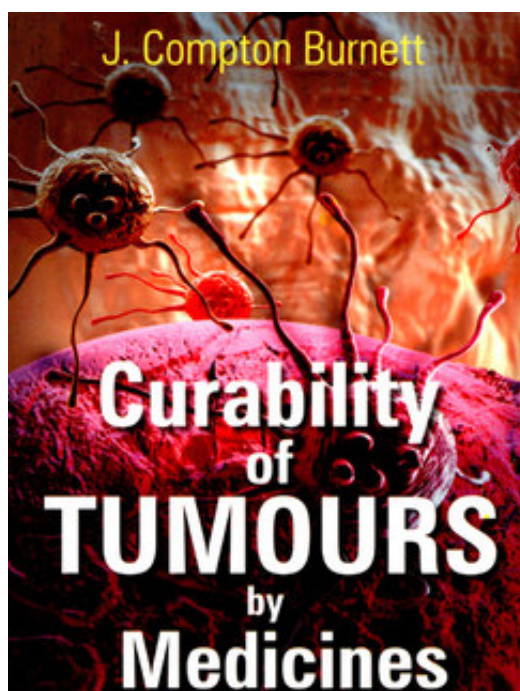


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PRELIMINARY REMARKS ON THERAPEUTIC PRINCIPLES.

WHEN drugs affect certain parts of the economy specifically, the general fact is the one elaborated by the great and greatly vilified Paracelsus, and it constituted the backbone of his practice.

Remedies owning this quality were his *Appropriata*. That is, they are appropriated by the organs they respectively and specifically influence, much as we may suppose the kidneys seize upon the particles in the blood to form what is then known as urine. Grounded on this basis, the medical

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practice of Paracelsus was not only in advance of the common medical practice of his own now distant day, but I actually much in advance of the orthodox medical practice of the time that now is.

If any one questions this statement let him compare the Paracelsic practice of physic in regard to, say gallstones, with that recommended in the best of I the old school practice (I except the eclectics, who are really and essentially organopaths, and often sound practitioners).

Rademacher, in the early part of I this century, re-discovered this *Medicina Paracelsica* and having practised it with much success for many years he taught its precepts and practice with such power that a School of Medicine arose, his disciples bearing the honored name of Rademacherians. With these came into general use the words organ-

remedy, organ-disease ; the general fact being called organopathy.

Hahnemann founded his homoeopathy, Rademacher founded his organopathy (the re-discovered *Medicina Paracelsica* really) practically contemporaneously with one another, and both may be said to have been in full development in the forties of the nineteenth century.

The specificity of seat of the *Medicina Hahnemannica* (*i. e.*, homoeopathy) and the principle of the *remedia appropriata* of the *Medicina Paracelsica* (sometimes termed Rademacherianism) practically coincide.

Hahnemannic medicine in its pristine purity is based on pure pharmacodynamics ; it is in fact therapeutically applied pharmacodynamics; its first and deepest ground-work being the principle that given drugs affect given

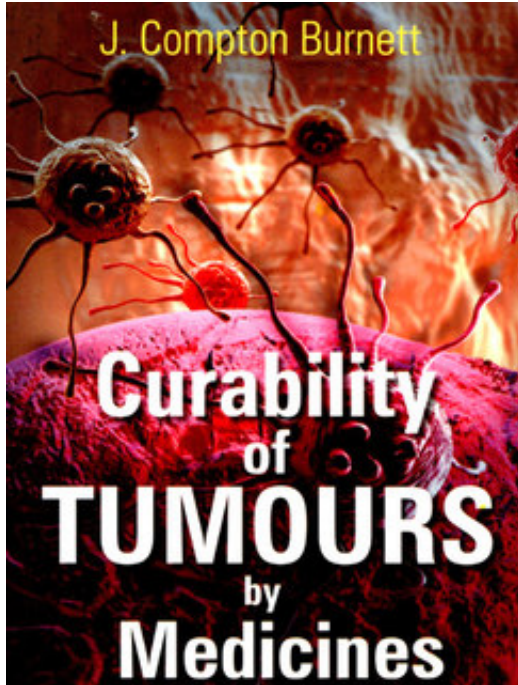
organs (parts) by self-elective preference. Therefore up to this point Paracelsic medicine and Hahnemannic medicine coincide.

But Paracelsic medicine (organopathy) grows primarily out of the knowledge of drug-action obtained by giving drugs to the sick, and as first indications the older Hohenheimians accepted the doctrine of signatures of things external and internal.

On the other hand Hahnemannic medicine (homoeopathy) grows out of the knowledge of drug action obtained by giving drugs to the healthy (the drug-proving), *the first indications* being, nevertheless, for the older remedies, the same as in Paracelsic medicine.

This I assert, and I am prepared to prove the assertion.

After a certain time the practitioners of organopathy adopted the



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