

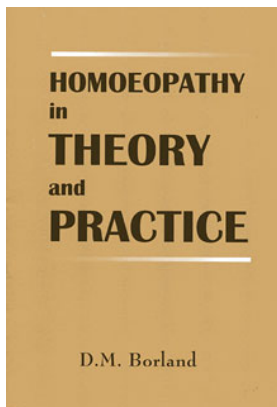
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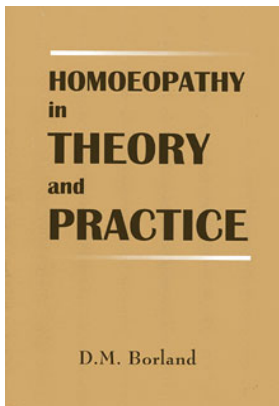


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It is interesting to look at the history of medicine from the earliest days of which we have any knowledge. This shows that there has been a constant endeavour by the physicians to correlate their practice to the prevailing philosophical beliefs or scientific pronouncements of their days. In the early days the accepted beliefs consisted almost entirely of philosophical, speculations. Since the dawn of scientific investigation the accepted beliefs of the day have tended more and more to be tested by the evidence of proven facts. Throughout the

centuries the endeavour of the physician has been to adapt his practice to the prevailing dogma of the scientist or philosopher. This has, to a large extent, accounted for the ever changing practice of medicine, and accounts, very largely, for the constant changes which we see taking place in medical practice to-day one has but to consider how, in the dawn of medicine, medical practice was founded on the philosopher's dicta about the influence of the liver and spleen on the various disturbances from which the patient suffered to realize how the treatment by the physician endeavoured to follow the teaching of his philosophical mentor. In the middle ages one sees heroic measures adopted to clear the theoretically poisoned fluids of the body, which again were postulated in theory. Later one sees the dawn of morbid pathology, and the dawn of operative surgery in an endeavour to eliminate the diseased organ. And later still one sees the discovery of the microbic infection and the steps taken by the physician to correlate his practice to this new discovery. The microbic theory of diseases is, of course, still the accepted belief, but one sees less and less stress being placed on the infecting organism and more and more recognition being given to the infected host, with *corresponding modifications in treatment.*



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