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“Health, the Golden Mean.”

The Law of Diet Selection, Contraria.
The Therapeutic Law, Similia.

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To
Inquiring Students,
Wise Physicians, Sensible Parents
and
Statesmen of the World
This Volume is
Respectfully Dedicated.

PREFACE.

The demand for more information along the line of the division of children into the three classes: (1) normal, (2) acid, and (3) alkaline, has induced the author to elaborate his ideas in a separate and convenient work.

While in New York recently he was informed that one of the Professors of Pædology in one of the regular Medical Colleges had presented this division of sick children (acid and alkaline) as if original with him. The author does not claim originality except in the elaborating the idea and demonstrating by original research that it has a pathological basis.

It will be seen by Father Hahnemann's article that he had looked upon children with a chemical eye and discovered the tendency to acidity.

The credit of dividing remedies upon an acid and alkaline basis, it will be noted, originated with Father Hering, that wonderfully, profound student of *Materia Medica*.

It will be observed that we assign *Contraria* a permanent place as "the rule for diet selection."

The author has freely incorporated extracts from the writings of others, and chiefly from the most profound medical philosopher of these times. It will be noted that Von Grauvogl's division of sick people (including children of course) goes down to the ultimate chemical elements of which the body is composed.

Burnett, that brilliant practical writer, sends remedies into the secret recesses of nature's biological laboratory and the results—they revolutionize peoples. The possibility of preventing the degeneracy of coming generations is here foreshadowed.

Physicians are conservators of the race and can be statesmen of the highest order. It is also wisely said that "she who rocks the cradle rules the world." She may, if the cradle contains the best developed children, the coming army of workers, students and rulers. That is woman's right, and power.

If the ideas here elaborated prove in any way helpful in developing a healthier, happier humanity, none will be more thankful than

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