

Dear Readers,

Kent's remarkable contributions to Homeopathy, his three major works including *Repertory of Homoeopathic Materia Medica*, *Lectures on Homoeopathic Materia Medica* and *Lectures on Homoeopathic Philosophy* are something through which Kent lives even today. The repertory is till date the most well used and reliable repertory.

His lectures on *Materia Medica* were a first attempt to define the personality traits of people susceptible to said medicines. He also enumerated various concepts of homeopathy like susceptibility, 12 observations, repetition, vital force etc. which are the guidelines for a homeopathic practice.

Hahnemann's *Organon* is more like a coded bible where each and every word has a meaning and has to be read and understood with care and precision; whereas Kent's works and *Philosophy* lays down simple steps to practice. As Grimmer says "A full knowledge of his work clarifies many of the obscure points in the *Organon*

and enables the physician to perceive deeper into homeopathic truth". Kent is also remembered for his arguments against the conventional germ theory. He stated "The microbe is not the cause of disease. We should not be carried away by these idle allopathic dreams and vain imaginations but should correct the *Élan vital*."

Study of Kentian thought in homeopathy is essential for a beginner at some stage because Kent understood and discerned between science and art, as he could distinguish medicine from spirituality. The criticism when Kent's writings get is his influence of Swendenborg's philosophy where spiritual causes are considered to be the cause of the illness. Kent gives a moral outlook to illness and that's what has been the biggest criticism received for his works. He says "Psora is the underlying cause, and is the primitive or primary disorder of the human race". He further says "the susceptibility to psora opens out a question altogether too broad to study among the sciences in a medical college. It is altogether too extensive, for

it goes to the very primitive wrong of the human race, the very first sickness of the human race, that is the spiritual sickness, from which first state the race progressed into what may be called the true susceptibility to psora, which in turn laid the foundation for other diseases."

His works actually broadened and explained the idea of a holistic cure, today with so many specialisation fields there has been a division of body into various parts as people themselves rush to specialists at their will. Every homeopath needs to go through Kent's extensive work over and over again to understand his works for which a lifetime maybe short, the works which he completed in few years span, such was the level of the genius who lives with us each time we refer to a repertory as all repertory used these days have Kent's *Repertory* as the foundation.

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