

A NEW THEORY AND

A WONDERFUL of HEALING

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THE recent death of Dr. Albert Abrams will have helped to bring into prominence the new and revolutionary theory of medical diagnosis and its corresponding new method of cure propounded recently by this American medical scientist. His theory adds yet another to the list of scientific romances which characterise the last few decades of research work.

Science and romance have rubbed shoulders very frequently in recent years. Familiarity with that fact should put the brake provisionally on one's scepticism when any new and startling discovery is reported to have been made, for results soon arbitrarily decide the value of a discoverer's claims. In the above case, results are hailed by many medical men as being abundant, tangible and astonishing enough to carry conviction.

In 1916, Dr. Albert Abrams, a medical practitioner of San Francisco, published his striking book, "New Concepts of Diagnosis and Treatment," dealing therein with a new system which is a complete break-away from ordinary medical theory and practice. Such a revolutionary concept will for some time, no doubt, be viewed by a large section of the medical fraternity with the conservatism and suspicion which is the fate of most revolutionary schemes until their worth has been proved beyond dispute.

Miracles of Healing

Dr. Abrams, however, is said to have performed miracles of healing by his new methods; and if that is the vital test, as it surely is, he has certainly made good, and won for himself authoritative professional recognition. Amongst others, Sir James Barr, an ex-president of the British Medical Association, has enthusiastically endorsed the new theory and uses the new methods. Dr. Mather Thomson has described the new concept as being "astounding" and "a complete revolution of our methods of diagnosis and treatment." He says that Dr. Abrams' only crime was that he was fifty years ahead of his time. Dr. H. Lindlahr, in the "Lindlahr Magazine," described Dr. Abrams' achievement as being the "conquest of disease," and the "greatest discovery of all ages." The author of "The Book of Life, Mind and Body," Mr. Upton Sinclair, says that if he were to tell all that he had seen of the practice of Dr. Abrams' new methods during twelve days, he "fears that his readers would find their powers of credulity overstretched." He described the new discovery as being "really the mastery of life."

Long-range Cures

Under Dr. Abrams' system the patient has no longer to "put out his tongue," have his pulse or temperature taken, or even to visit his doctor at all for diag-



nosis. With a drop of the patient's blood on a piece of white blotting paper, the doctor, qualified in the new method, sits in his laboratory, perhaps a thousand miles away, and correctly diagnoses the disease and prescribes the remedy, from which the chances of failure seem almost eliminated. How does the wizard do it? Dr. Abrams discovered that every disease represents radio-active energy, and manifests that energy in a vibratory rate peculiar to the particular disease, and does it with such consistent exactness that the character, intensity, and location of the disease can be ascertained. The vibratory rate in each case is revealed by certain physical reflexes and the use of very sensitive apparatus devised by the discoverer of the system.

Finding the vibratory rate, Dr. Abrams next prescribed treatment by a similar vibratory rate on the "oscilloclast," another very delicate instrument of radio-activity which he devised for the purpose. The vibratory rate differs with every different ailment, but is always the same for the same ailment, no matter what the circumstance or who may be the patient. Every disease is represented in the blood, and the blood of a patient therefore manifests the same vibratory rate as the disease. The discovery that every disease—cancer, syphilis, consumption, etc.—can be cured by administering the vibratory rate peculiar to the disease seems to be the key to the whole system.

Good News for Homoeopathists

Dr. Abrams taught that everything—diseased or healthy, animate or inanimate—has its own peculiar radio-active potency, but that the administration of a drug with a different vibratory rate from that of the disease it is intended to cure is without any remedial value. Not only that—he discovered that the increase of the dose of a drug, even when of the right vibratory rate, tends to diminish its potency for good, the radio-active potency being in inverse proportion to the size, or rather, the concentration, of the dose. This should cheer the heart of the discredited homoeopathist, the main

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tenet of whose doctrine is just that same truth, differently expressed.

Dr. Abrams worked on the principle that "electrons and not cells are the ultimate constituents of the organism, and that, in the incessant activity of the electrons, radio-activity or its equivalent energy is evolved, which has an invariable vibratory rate."

Some idea of the unthought-of store of energy residing in the human body, and manifesting itself, for instance, when the brain is active, may be gathered from the fact, adduced by this doctor, that brain effort may produce a potential discharge of energy from the finger-tips equal to a giant magnet's lifting power of 400 pounds to the square inch! Yet this is, perhaps, no more wonderful than the truth that the atomic energy residing in a moderate-sized lump of coal is sufficient to drive a steamship across the Atlantic, if a method could be devised for exploding and harnessing the coal atomic energy. But the "atomic engine" has still to come! There are some special centres of energy in the human body (the finger-tips, portions of brain, etc.) where the discharge is much more active than elsewhere; and some of the novel and delicate experiments conducted by Dr. Abrams for the measurement and graphic charting of the radio-active or psychic energy developed by thought and feeling are such as would be of absorbing interest to students of psychology.

Hope for Sufferers

If Dr. Abrams' electronic system of diagnosis and treatment finally proves to be all that it purports to be, sufferers have much to hope for from a method which, according to Dr. Lindlahr, "reduces medical theory and practice to absolutely basic principles and exact science." It seems strange, by the way, that Dr. Abrams should find, behind the delicate working of the physical laws his research has brought into prominence, so little evidence of a supreme intelligence that he still remained, it is said, a profound materialist! Perhaps that is an exaggeration, for he occasionally used the expression, "The Great Organiser."

In conclusion, it may be of interest to readers to know that the new system of diagnosis and cure is already being practised in different parts of the Dominion by at least two professional pioneers; and, if reports be true, with astonishingly successful results. It seems a pity that conservative medical etiquette stands in the way of giving fuller publicity to the new system and its operators through the columns of the daily Press; for the delay in effectively heralding such a system, if of proved value, must obviously be a matter of life or death to many waiting sufferers.