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This edition of *Homcopathic Links* brings together some pleasing articles from around the globe, giving an impression of the current state of homeopathy in Brazil, Japan, Belgium, Sweden, Italy, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, India and Africa.

I originally intended to compile a collection of articles from every continent to give the reader a truly representative picture of how vital, active and interesting homeopathy is today across the globe. I now feel that aim has largely been achieved. I also wanted to explore and compare rural cases, often in the 'poor world', with urban cases, more often in the 'rich'.

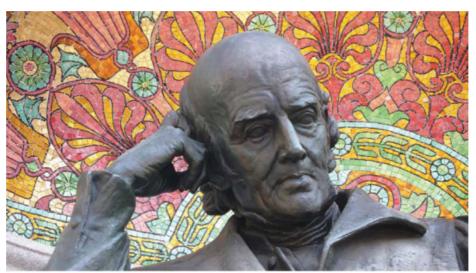
This idea was, in part, inspired by reading the works of the late *Tinus Smits*, yet it also flows from some enjoyable email conversations I had with one of Smits' main exponents today, *Arjen Pasma*.

This also relates to some of the ideas *George Vithoulkas* has expressed concerning the decline of human health in the modern world due to the inexorable assault on our vitality by vaccines, antibiotics and the whole gamut of palliative, suppressive allopathic treatments.

This collection is also adorned with the usual complement of interesting book reviews and articles on varied themes. It is my sincere hope that you enjoy several inspiring and amusing cartoons of homeopathic drug pictures supplied by *Mani Norland*. I have enjoyed my guest editorship of this fine journal, and it is my further hope its readership will enjoy and savour our efforts.

Vita

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