

Obituary

**E.G. Samuel DC, ND
1922-1992**



THE NATUROPATHIC PROFESSION LOST A VALUABLE ADVOCATE and ally with the passing of Dr. Edmonde G. Samuel on December 18, 1992, at age 70. Dr. Samuel served in the Pacific during World War II as a hospital corpsman. Upon his return he attended Western States Chiropractic College obtaining his degree in 1949. He continued his studies in naturopathic medicine, obtaining his degree the following year. In 1954, he began a private practice in southern Oregon which he maintained until his death.

Samuel [a contributor to this publication: see *J. Naturopath. Med.* 1991: (2);37—Ed.] saw little philosophical difference between the naturopathic and chiropractic professions. He was considered an excellent diagnostician by his peers and highly regarded by his medical colleagues. Dr. Samuel was constantly educating himself and refining his practice of medicine, setting an example for many younger physicians who considered him a mentor. He was most noted in recent years for his contributions to professional standards, presenting papers at both the Northwest Naturopathic Physicians Convention in Portland, and the International Conference on Spinal Manipulation in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Samuel is survived by his wife Shirley Kellis-Samuel of Brookings, Oregon. Because of his deep commitment to research, a fund has been set up in his name. Donations should be made to: The Foundation for Natural Healing, Edmonde Samuel Research Fund, P.O. Box 16795, Portland, Oregon 97216. §

Don C. Walker, ND, DC

Mini review

**A Textbook of
Natural Medicine
Update 3.4**

Joseph Pizzorno ND,
Michael Murray, ND eds.
Bastyr College Publications
144 NE 54th, Seattle WA 98105

A RICH SELECTION OF NEW CHAPTERS comprise the latest update of *A Textbook of Natural Medicine*, called by the Journal of Alternative Medicine "the ultimate book on naturopathic medicine." The *Textbook* covers diagnostic procedures, pharmacology, methods of treatment, and specific health problems. Over the past eight years more than 30 natural health professionals have contributed to the ongoing project. The most recent update includes new articles on Chinese prepared medicines, enzyme therapy, suggested optimal nutrient allowances (SONA), carpal tunnel syndrome, Echinacea species, and more.

Bastyr College affiliates, including current faculty, figure prominently in this list of authors which can be explained partly because of the well-developed publishing and research departments at the college, and because the compilation and editing of the *Textbook* is accomplished in Seattle, Washington.

My chief reservation about this new batch of chapters is that in several cases the authors, while undoubtedly experts on their respective subspecialties, tread hazardously close to a commercial interest in their topics. Nevertheless, this useful array of information is a welcome addition to my loose-leaf binder and portable clinical library. The *Textbook* is for me, above all else, a panacea to the nauseating hubris of insular critics of naturopathic medicine who repeatedly bleat about the lack of scientific evidence supporting most alternative treatments. §

Emily Kane

Book review

**Thorsons Encyclopaedic
Dictionary of Homeopathy**



Harald Gaier, ND, DO, DHom.M, Dip.Ac.
Harper Collins, London: 1991, 601 pgs.,
ISBN 0-7225-1823-4

A NEW BOOK IS OFTEN DESCRIBED as "filling a long-felt need," and this is encomium enough, but some more ambitious works — like Harald Gaier's *Encyclopaedic Dictionary of Homeopathy* — reveal needs never before suspected and provoke the reader to further enlightenment.

Before encountering Gaier's *Dictionary*, I had no idea what a wealth of untapped knowledge about homeopathy and its tangential fields lay unclaimed in dusty tomes undergoing the "gnawing criticism of the mice." Gaier's pertinacious scholarship has brought this treasure-trove to light; his sensitivity to intellectual and historical trends has situated it correctly in its nineteenth — and twentieth — century context; and his delight in the odd and illuminating detail combined with a more than agreeable literary style make this *Dictionary*, unlike any other which has come to my attention, as readable as a novel.

Francis Bacon wrote, "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some few to be chewed and digested." Gaier's *Dictionary* can be read in any of the three ways.

It can be tasted as a reference work. Suppose, for example, one wants biographical details about Carl Gottlieb Raue, or Cyrus Boger, or that greatest of British (in fact, Scottish) homeopathic personalities, Sir John Weir. All are there, in a page or two