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STATE SUPPORT

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We have been pressing hard for State support to Homœopathy for decades. But have we carefully examined the mechanism of the support, *e.g.*, its working method, workability and the resultant output?

The support has not come down upon us. All the reality is that we have been crying hoarse for it. With a beggar's bowl, we have been moving from door to door. But discarded crumbs are forth-coming in the shape of alms. The mind that is trained to receive them is not to scrutinize. Hush! And all is hush from above.

He who has the power to fill the beggar's bowl has the least will to do so by himself. You must have a forwarding from a source that is inclined to keep all the crumbs for itself to feed its watch quadrupeds. I mean the Indian Medical Council. So, even the crumbs may not be your lot.

Words are porous. Through them pass hissing, buzzing and whistling notes. Such a note is in "integration" or "synthesis" of medicine. Synthesis you may dream of, but will never realize in your life-time. Unity in diversity is the rule of the world. But characters in diversity can not resolve themselves and conglomerate in a senseless mould of undefinable matter. Unity becomes, then, a misnomer. The presence of diversity is the sole safeguard for the maintenance of unity. It is perhaps a pre-condition for unity.

A support may claim some control. We are aware of that and do not grudge it. Control has been our choice. The funniest

part of the thing is that we ourselves have been clamouring for it, as for the support. But those in power are being advised to tighten and tighten the control, to wipe out all diversity, for the sake of a supposed unity. What unity can mean here at all is safeguarding a particular unit at the cost of all other units. A clique is out to oust all other components of society, for the safety, security and furtherance of its ends.

Control without adequate support is the most dangerous of all principles in society. Suppose, for instance, one stringently rules that our institutions,—colleges and hospitals, must be ideally equipped and staffed, and sit in ideal hours, admitting only ideally educated students, but does not undertake to provide for the costs involved, what will then be the result? Our institutions will close down in 2—3 years' time. Such will be the fate, without doubt, with the Calcutta Medical College, perhaps the best of the Medical Institutions in Asia.

There has been a recent trend in politics to exhort people to depend upon their own resources, instead of crying for Government help. Our Governor lend us only moral support. But what resources have remained for us in this mixed (socialistic—communistic—capitalistic) pattern of our economy? We did not clamour for help before. For more than 50 years, we drew from the meagre resources we could avail of. But what is left for us now? The common man is brewing with hunger and toil. He has ever been a beneficiary. The landed rich have become landless paupers over-night. Industry, trade and commerce are getting nationalized day by day, deprived of the fruits of their labours. Where are our benefactors left? Whom can we look to but the socialistic State, which has powers to spend and is actually spending crores of rupees on health and Medical items other than Homœopathic or Ayurvedic?

But, Beware! that we catch all the implications of the State support and plan our ways accordingly.
