

A STUDY OF "UNUSUALLY YOURS"

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Dr. S. M. Bhattacharjee, M.A., P.R.S.M., Berhampore, writing under the caption 'Unusually Yours' in the March issue of the Hahnemannian Gleanings describes a number of remedies which gave him unexpected help rather "unusually". I feel, it deserves a piercing study by the readers and I propose to start the ball rolling by what I think about it.

In our attempt to find a similimum for a given case even the best of us fail to reach the ideal individualization necessary to select the single remedy to eradicate the disease by a single dose. The drawback comes both from the side of the doctor as well as from the side of the patient, the former's want of knowledge and time, the latter's distorted description of symptoms. However, we prescribe, to the best of our knowledge and belief, a remedy. This remedy acts, though at a divergent angle to the straight path of cure, to the extent we have been below the ideal. The picture of the disease changes and this new picture may tally almost completely with an unexpected remedy which completes the cure of the case. Here the remedy may be unusual for the doctor, but is usual for the individual case.

Secondly, we are apt to move in grooves, and however much we may avoid, we cannot totally neutralize the influence of the other school of medicine, especially when it comes to us disguised in a subtle form. This is, in plain words, giving names to a class of maladies and prescribing according to the names of the diseases. This forms in our mind a class of remedies suitable for certain diseases, or these are given in books of practice of medicine. The value of such arrangement cannot be denied and it has its place; still it leads us astray from our ideals not infrequently. However, as similimum is our guiding post, we come to the right remedy later and this remedy may seem "unusually yours" for no fault of itself.

Thirdly, a state of disease may be regarded as layers of malignant influences from different sources, the recent layers