

A CASE OF PARALYZED TYPHOID

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K. C., a boy of fourteen, has had allopathic treatment for a fortnight when I saw him first on 24-8-53. He was delirious, his left hand and leg being paralyzed. When questioned he managed to utter there was intense pain in the right eye, right forehead and the stomach, while he immediately passed into coma. Speech was not clear either and when protruded the tongue was seen to be shrunken, paralyzed and twisted to the left. Pulse was quick and the temperature sub-normal. There was no movement of the bowels since a week and urination was involuntary. Great rumbling of intestines and thirst for large quantities were reported and he uncovered the right leg incessantly.

Emaciation was predominant and there was history of rheumatic heart with the result that presently each beat of the heart visibly jerked every part of his body, covers and the cot. Miliary rash of 'typhus' was visible on the neck and some of it scattered on the chest.

Life appeared at a very low ebb while he lay on the bed with a fallen jaw and sliding down the bed little by little with every beat of the heart.

To give him just three doses of Bryonia 200, one hourly, I had to gather some courage, in face of Jahr's unfavourable prognosis of such cases that have had sufficient allopathic treatment so as to make the eventual crisis most uncertain.

Bryonia, only for a while, made the boy move his paralyzed extremities and raised the temperature a little, which did please the parents; while for the other part the dismal picture remained unchanged.

So the next day I gave him a dose of Mur. Ac. 200 and wished to keep him on that and that alone, as long as the patient lived. Soon a very slow general improvement ensued, and by 30-8-53 the boy had thoroughly re-

covered consciousness since some days and could urinate while awake.

Since the bowels had not moved since a fortnight and from an overall general condition he did not appear quite out of danger, I hastened to give him a dose of Opium 30 on the very 30-8-53.

This made him pass hard balls for days to follow and soon after his paralyzed leg was able to move while the paralyzed hand has also shown movement since 7-9-53, of course, not without a short-lived pain, heat and tingling in the affected nerves.

Thank God, the boy is now fully recovered, at the time of writing, except for the rheumatic heart which, perhaps, requires extra spade work on right lines.

NEWS & NOTES

Extracts from the Minutes of the Third Meeting with the representatives of Homœopathy held in the office of the Director General of Health Services, New Delhi, on 11th and 12th September, 1953.

The following were present:—

1. Lt. Col. C. K. Lakshmanan .. Chairman
2. Dr. C. G. Pandit
3. Dr. J. N. Majumdar
4. Dr. Diwan Jai Chand
5. Dr. L. D. Dhawale
6. Dr. K. G. Saxena
7. Dr. M. Gururaju

The following items were considered—

1. Training of homœopaths ;
2. Research in homœopathy ;
3. Standardisation of homœopathic drugs ;
4. Regulation of the practice of homœopathy ;
5. Utilisation of homœopaths in health services