

A CASE OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

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On Sept. 14th 1954 a Muslim girl aged about seven years was brought to me for treatment. She was reading in the third standard class in the neighbouring elementary school. On the 4th September she had high fever. Her parents gave her some indigenous medicines. The fever subsided after a week. But the girl was unable to stand, sit or to walk. She was not able to hold her head erect. 3 days afterwards, she was not able to talk also.

At this stage she was brought to me. I noted that she had no sleep at all. No appetite. I asked her parents to place her near a wall. But she fell down due to a muscular weakness of all the organs. She could not speak as she desired. Her parents told me that their daughter was not able to speak for the last three days.

On 14th I prescribed Aconite 30, 7 doses to be taken twice daily for 3 days.

On 18th she was brought to me and I found that her whole body had severe aching pains and was very cold to the touch. No thirst, urine normal. No stool for 4 days.

On 18th I gave her Arnica 30, 10 powders B.D., for another five days and Arnica oil 16 ozs. to have an oil massage twice daily, from below her neck downwards. Coconut oil (purified) to be applied to the head and a bath once in 3 days. Boiled and cooled water to head and luke-warm water to body.

On 23rd she was brought to me. All her aching pains were gone. She took a very little food. She was not taking anything at all previously. She could also sit without any body's help.

On 23rd Arnica 200—1 dose, Sac Lac 9 powders T.D.S.

On 27th she was brought again, she could walk without anybody's help. She had four hours' sleep, on the previous night. But this time she developed some odd

motions of her right hand without any control, no speech, and often a wicked cry. Her intellect had not come to normal. Except speech almost all her organs came to normal. I gave her Causticum 200 1 dose. Sac Lac 15 powders T.D.S.

On October 3rd she was brought to me. The patient herself told me that she didn't want any more medicine. She wanted to take either coffee or tea. She was completely normal. Again I gave her Sac Lac 20 powders more to be taken twice daily.

On 14th her parents came to me saying that she was cured completely and was now going to school daily.

HOMŒOPATHY IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

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The whole of one's success in the art of homœopathic prescribing depends on one's power of individualizing every case which one has to treat. With this object in view, what one is always endeavouring to do is to find in what way any symptom of which the patient complains is modified by any external circumstance, or any action on the part of the patient, or is in any way influenced by time. For instance, it is a common experience that a patient will come along with some indefinite rheumatic symptoms, consisting of a certain amount of stiffness, pain, difficulty in movement. These symptoms will help in no way in the selection of your drug as they might well be covered by a hundred or more different remedies. What one endeavours to do is to find out from the patient exactly what circumstances in any way modify the complaint, that is to say, is it influenced by any action of the patient such