

structural abnormality in the liver in Cirrhosis of the liver, are nothing but the effect of the derangement of the spirit-like Vital Force, as this knowledge is essential to understand the smallness of the homœopathic dose of medicine which is administered not with an eye to disease results, but with a view to restoring the deranged Vital Force to its original healthy state. And the Vital Force having been restored to health sets up such an order in the system that dreadful pathological abnormalities are removed and complete health prevails. So tumours are resolved, Brights disease cured, diabetes, T.B. Cancer, leprosy and other results of disease disappear. This is the magic of the minute dose of the homœopathic medicine.

A PEEP INTO THE LIFE OF DR. RAM PRASAD VERMA

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Dr. Ram Prasad Verma, a true follower of Hahnemannian Philosophy and art of healing was born in the year 1890 at Patna City. His father was an ordinary cultivator. When a child he was sent to a Moulvi for primary education. When he gained some knowledge in Urdu and Persian he was admitted to a local High English School, from where he passed the Entrance Examination in the year 1909. After that he was admitted to the local Medical School, but after three years he had to leave that school due to some domestic troubles and to take up some private business, which he also gave up as he ran a loss. He then became a School teacher and began his private studies in Homœopathy. He passed the Homœopathic Medical Examination from the Bihar Homœopathic College in the year 1918 and was placed in the First Division. At that time Dr. Saffadar Hussain L.M.S. was the Principal of that

College. He then accepted an employment in the Arrah Jain Hospital, but he left that employment in the year 1921 and became an independent practitioner. In the year 1922 he started a Homœopathic College at Arrah in which he became a professor of Materia Medica and Practice of Medicine. One of his friends, Dr. S. N. Sircar, who was also an eminent Homœopath having a vast knowledge of Homœopathic Philosophy, was teaching there Homœopathic Philosophy and an Allopath was appointed as a professor of Anatomy and Physiology. This college worked properly up to 1937 but after that, the condition of the college grew worse due to two fold reasons. First that Dr. Sircar severed his relations with the college and secondly that Dr. Verma himself became such a busy practitioner that he got very little time to attend the college. This college was functioning under a board which consisted of the S.D.O., a Deputy Magistrate, and Vakils, Doctors and Zamindars as its members.

Dr. Verma himself was not very much satisfied with the progress made in the cause of Homœopathy. He wanted that the people should be Homœopathically educated through the medium of Hindi. At that time there was a scarcity of the Homœopathic literature in Hindi and there was not a single book in Hindi which could be called a standard book. In order to meet this scarcity he wrote many books on Homœopathy in Hindi. For the Homœopaths of Bihar as well as of India are very much indebted to him.

When the Bihar Homœopathic Medical Association was founded in the year 1931, it was the Homœopaths of the two districts of Gaya and Shahbad only that participated first in that Association with the efforts of Dr. Palit and Dr. Verma. It can, therefore, be safely said that Dr. Palit and Dr. Verma were the real founders of that Association. The first Conference of that Association was held at Gaya and the second at Arrah under the Presidentship of Dr. Paresnath Chatterjee, L.M.S. of Patna. The honoured

President of that conference was Dr. J. N. Mazumdar of Calcutta. Dr. Verma was the chairman of the reception committee of that conference and was the President of the Shahabad District Homœopathic Association. He held the office of the President, Shahabad District Homœopathic Association, up to the year 1939. In the year 1940 he was elected President of the Provincial Homœopathic Association held at Laheriasarai. He worked very hard in that capacity for one year. Till then the Provincial Homœopathic Association was not a registered Association. It was registered during the Presidentship of Dr. Verma. He was also the Chairman of the Provincial Bureau of Homœopaths in the Second All India Homœopathic Conference. He was elected as a delegate from Bihar for the 5th All India Homœopathic Conference held at Agra. He was also elected President of the Gaya District Homœopathic Conference held in a village named Guraru in the year 1939. When call came for a united effort for the uplift of Homœopathy in 1952, he at once joined the Bihar Homœopathic Science Congress. He remained a member of the Bihar Council of Homœopaths, and the State Executive of the Bihar Homœopathic Science Congress till his death.

As a successful physician he was known to every corner of the State of Bihar, as well as to its sister states. A number of times he was called to Chunargarh, Banaras, Mirzapur etc. for inspection and treatment of patients. Once he was called by wire for medical advice and treatment of Sir Sahebji Maharaj of Dayalbagh, Agra, although he was attended at that time by a well reputed Homœopath, who had been the President of the All India Homœopathic Conference.

The life of Dr. Verma was very simple. He never took any intoxicants in any form. He never used tobacco, cigarettes, Biri or tea and his food was very simple and nutritious. He was a God-fearing man and in the morning he did not do anything before reciting Bhagwat Bhajan. He was very particular and careful about the poor patients.

Whenever he visited a patient and came to know that he was poor, he did never charge even his visiting fees. Sometimes he did not also charge the car-hire rather he contributed something to the patient for the purchase of articles of diet. Many times the wretched conditions of the poor patients moved him to tears.

In Dr. Verma we have lost a philanthropist and a Homœopath of high order. The only consolation to the people of Shahabad is that Dr. Verma has left behind his eldest son as the physician incharge of his well-equipped dispensary and the tradition of serving the sick selflessly.

Dr. Varma left this earthly place on April 24, 1955.

WHAT HOMŒOPATHY CAN DO FOR ANIMALS

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Ever since Boenninghausen reported thirty-seven cures of animals in volume 67 of the *Allegemeine Homeopathische Zeitung*, more than one hundred years ago, homœopathic doctors have published numerous cures of horses, dogs, cats and many other members of the animal kingdom. No doubt most of you have had similar experiences. Moreover, you have no doubt discovered that the right remedy is not always easy to find; and again that this is easier than if the patient were a human being. Success, of course, depends on one's power of observation as well as on a knowledge of objective symptoms as indications for a remedy. It is like prescribing for little children or infants. Babies as well as animals never fake symptoms, so that their actions are always spontaneous and never assumed. In both instances, there is usually one leading symptom which furnishes the key with perhaps a few others that complete the objective picture.