

HOMŒOPATHIC TREATMENT AS AN AID TO RELIGION

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In the Homœopathic Provings, that is in the effects produced by drugs on the healthy human body, three classes of symptoms are found.—

- (1) Physical,
- (2) Mental, and
- (3) Moral.

On these as a basis, when met with in disease, the homœopathic prescription is made according to the law of similars, so that Homœopathy treats not only the physical and mental man but also the moral.

The founder of Homœopathy taught, what all the great religions of the world had done before him, that disease resided not in man's body but in his spirit, and that the remedy must be brought by attenuation to as near the plane on which diseases resided as possible. Hence the homœopathic potencies are drug matter far removed from the ordinary physical plane.

Homœopathy can equally effect healing. The varieties of mental and moral perversion can be met by their appropriate and corresponding remedies. In most cases such maladies will not mend without the right medicinal stimulant.

For instance, tendency to suicide can be combated by a single dose of potentized gold. The gold patient looks on the dark side, weeps, prays, thinks she is not fit for this world, longs for death. It is strange that this noble metal, for which mankind strives for its pecuniary value, should, when taken into the organism, cause the greatest unhappiness. Dr. Nash once cured a young lady who tried to commit suicide by drowning, by this remedy. After she was cured she laughed at the occurrence and said she

could not help it. It seemed to her she was of no use in the world. She felt so.

The silver patient is irrational, does strange things, and comes to strange conclusions, does foolish things. He has fear of death—the over-anxious state that death is near. Breaks into a sweat with anxiety.

When the husband complains of the wife's being cross and irritable, and he cannot get along with her, a dose of Chamomilla given to *him* will work wonders.

Sometimes, when the husband comes in, the wife has no smile to greet him. Nothing but dull indifference, and weariness and suffering. He must leave her alone. She has her work to do. A dose of Sopia given to her, the husband comes and blesses you for giving him back the wife he chose and loved. A man has a baby and hates it. He cannot bear his wife to touch it. Her people had him shut up, but his people got him out again. They are afraid he will kill the baby. Oh! indifference to offspring. He gets a dose of Sepia. In a week he comes up himself, weepy, shaky, and frightfully upset, but better. The next report is, Doctor you know that youngman who hated his baby. Well, he is devoted to it now. He can hardly bear anyone touch it when he is there. He is quite cured.

Falls in love with the wrong person, and breaks her heart. Is absurdly obsessed by a foolish passion for a married man—falls in love with the driver, and Natrum mur., potentized common salt, brings order and sanity.

Religious freaks, misuses and misapplies the scriptures to his own detriment, thinks he is in a wonderfully sanctimonious state of mind, or that he has sinned away his day of grace. Tearful, sad and despondent. Such a patient would be cured by Pulsatilla.

A woman loses her child or her husband, trembles, is excited, weeps and is sleepless, unable to control herself, is ashamed of herself. In spite of her best endeavours, her grief has simply torn her to pieces. She is unable to control her emotions and her excitement. Ignatia will quiet

her. If such troubles keep coming back and the state keeps recurring, Nat. Mur., will finish up the case. When a sensitive overtired girl falls in love with an impossible person. She lies awake at night, sobs. Ignatia, if very recent, will balance up that girl's mind. If not, Natrum Mur. comes in as a follower.

The spiritus glandium querons is a notable anti-alcoholic and will stop craving for drink.

Anyone who cares to look into an Homœopathic Materia Medica, can find, for himself, hundreds of such mental and moral aberrations that are readily curable by homœopathic drugs.

Some years ago, the following case was related to the writer by an eminent Homœopath. He said "A Christian youngman, whom I had before treated for the follies of youth came to me one day in a very distressed state of mind and complained that notwithstanding many prayers and resolutions and the frequenting of the sacraments, he was unable to overcome his besetting sin. I comforted him with the promise of a good homœopathic prescription and he got the necessary medicine which was Nux Vomica 30, in globules. Months passed and I got no news of the patient. Imagine my surprise when at a public gathering I noticed someone hurrying in my direction and it was no other than my late sufferer. He clasped my hand in both his hands and with tears in his eyes related how the medicine I had prescribed had been his salvation, that he had not fallen once since he began the treatment, and that whenever the temptation came he took the prescribed dose and that it acted like oil on the troubled waters."

How grateful one feels to God for the salvation of this youngman! Although he did not realise it, the prayer in his case were really fruitful. They had brought him to the fold of Homœopathy and the ultimate cure of his affliction. Thus can Homœopathy, which is called the "True Science of Healing" be made the hand-maid of religion! The great Master of Homœopathy was never tired of telling

his disciples that when they had cured the sick with the law of Similars, they should give God the glory, for the Law was His.

THYMUS GLAND ITS RELATION WITH CHRONIC BRONCHITIS IN CHILDREN

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Thymus is a known gland to us but its importance is not so much acknowledged. Generally it decreases from the second year of life and should have disappeared by adult age. In relation to children it generally increases in size in Rickets and Status Lymphaticus (a rare disease).

During the last 4 years I treated 25 such cases, of which every one of them had been treated with antibiotics and allied drugs for inflammatory conditions of lungs. Among these children one only had a history of hereditary asthma ; all of them being below seven years.

Generally the description of the cases are such ;—

- (1) Susceptibility to climatic variations, especially hot to cold and damp.
- (2) Continuous nasal discharge, usually non-acrid.
- (3) Enlarged lymphatic glands ; generally, hypertrophied tonsils and adenoids.
- (4) Lymphatic tissues throught the body in over-growth.
- (5) Growth of the adenoid tissue at the base of the tongue.
- (6) Dullness at the upper part of sternum.
- (7) Enlarged spleen.
- (8) General constitution : Flabby and anaemic.
- (9) Lympho cytosis.