

on the development of allopathy, more than we can even afford.

I have therefore repeatedly urged upon the Union Health Ministry that instead of remaining the cock pit for the refuse and leavings of other lands, its policies should be formulated in such a way that it becomes the springhead of a perennial stream of medicine for millions receiving the best from every system of medicine obtaining in this land, reaching every nook and corner of India and promoting health and longevity, instead of being confined to towns and certain selected areas.

So, I would like to remind the medical practitioners all over India to remember that they might belong to different systems of medicine, but the goal is the same, namely, the promotion of health and well-being of the people. In the achievement of this goal they have to contribute their best in their respective systems. Again irrespective of the attitude of the Government, which is bound to change under pressure of public opinion, they must devise ways and means to remove their short comings without any loss of time and prepare themselves to make their fullest contribution in the next Five Year Plan. I may also suggest that the anniversaries of the founders of different systems should be utilised as an occasion for annual stock-taking of their efforts and achievements.

MIASMATIC TREATMENT OF PREGNANCY

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Pregnancy is a physiological condition. It should be normal with every individual. But it often becomes an abnormal phenomenon with many an individual. Abnormal delivery, delayed labour, diseases of pregnancy as hyperemesis gravidarum, abortion, eclampsia, accidental hæmorrhage, puerperal diarrhoea, sepsis, insanity, sub-

involution, etc. are very common. These abnormal conditions of pregnancy and other uterine diseases are all due to the result of miasms lurking in the background. The ultra-modern homœopathic physicians sneer at the Hahnemannian doctrine of Homœopathy, especially its miasmatic elements. But pregnancy is the best time for constitutional treatment. As, Dr. Kent remarks, "Gestation is the fortuitous time for woman to take treatment. Symptoms representative of her disordered state come out then that do not appear at any other time. If she has a psoric condition, it may remain dormant until pregnancy comes on, which may act as an exciting cause to bring out the conditions that are in the constitution. It furnishes therefore a good time for the Homœopathic physician to study the case and give the woman a constitutional remedy".

But many Homœopaths do not care to treat mothers at the time of pregnancy, as they say it is the domain of the specialists. The term 'specialist' is of allopathic origin. Because specialists are only concerned with the special organs for which he specialised himself, e.g., specialists in heart disease, lung disease, Obstetrics and Gynæcology etc. These specialists treat only the special organs without caring for the whole man. Specialists in Obstetrics and Gynæcology treat only the generative organs. In diseases of Cervix they cauterize with electricity, they curette the uterus, they operate the ovary in ovarian diseases, Cysts, tumours, etc. But Dr. Kent says—"A group of symptoms may arise through the uterus and vagina and one who is of this understanding has a plan for removing only the group of symptoms that belong to his speciality, whereby he thinks he has eradicated the trouble".

But it is a foolish idea that by removing the organs the whole disease is removed. Temporarily the disease symptoms abate, the patient feels better and his health improves, but within a few days or months the disease re-appears in an aggravated form and with new complications. Sometimes the removal of an organ changes the whole aspect

of the disease or affects other organs which are weak, thus jeopardising the patient's life. As Dr. Kent says—"Such a practice does not cure, does not even benefit temporarily; it is simply an outrage as it is perpetuated when the physician imagines the disease is local and when he has cauterized it the woman is well, not realising for one moment that these things come from a cause and curing that cause should be his aim."

Now the question arises what is that cause? The cause is nothing but lurking miasms which come from the husbands or parents. So, the period of pregnancy in the woman is the best time for treatment in as much as it helps both the mother and the child and improves the mother's constitution, favouring normal delivery and eradicating all possible diseases of pregnancy. The constitutional treatment on miasmatic basis results in combating all diseases during pregnancy, keeping the foetus in normal position, preventing puerperal sepsis and helping normal involution. The Maxim, "Prevention is better than cure" is truly justified in the miasmatic treatment of the mother. Because the constitutional treatment of the mother from the onset of pregnancy also helps the child in the womb and combats all the miasmatic diseases resulting in its normal birth. It helps to accentuate the resistance of the body. Thereby susceptibility to disease is removed.

Constitutional treatment also helps abnormal labours. But it is a foolish idea to administer homœopathic remedies in contracted pelvis. So, when surgical interference is called for it is advisable to follow it. In cases of other diseases e.g. Typhoid, Malaria, Insanity, etc., and diseases associated with pregnancy, proper homœopathic treatment helps to cure the ailments and enhance chances of a normal delivery of the child.

But it is a pity that a very few of the Homœopaths treat pregnant women constitutionally on miasmatic basis. When such is the condition with the Homœopaths themselves, it is no wonder that common people, who are ignor-

ant of the mysteries of Homœopathy, run to Allopaths who follow organic treatment by ignoring the individual and thereby bringing miseries on her.

Lastly, I close with Dr. Kent's observation—"Now a days we hear so much about meddling midwifery thus curetting, doing this and that and other things that it makes the Homœopathic physician disgusted. Just as if those parts were not made by nature and could not take care of themselves. As if they must be swabbed and syringed out. Their injections and bichlorides, etc. to keep the germ out of an woman are all nonsense. If a state of order will maintain there will be no germ. If he sees clearly beforehand what remedy the woman needs there will be no bad cases. They will take care of themselves. Irregular contractions that bring on abnormal conditions are all avoided if the woman is turned in to order before she goes in to confinement."

For practical purposes we are going to discuss the miasmatic background of the several diseases associated with pregnancy:—

1. *Hyperemesis Gravidarum.*

It is known as excessive vomiting of Pregnancy. It is of Psoric origin. In these cases we should select deep acting anti-psoric or tubercular remedies. There may be history of suppression of any previous illness or any skin disease. The patient may give you the history of chronic diarrhœa, Dysentery, chronic Malaria, etc. In the family history, you may get the history of tuberculosis, Insanity, Puerperal diarrhœa, etc.

2. *Eclampsia.*

It is of sycotic origin. As sycosis goes upper hand today, it is very common with pregnant women. History of Asthma, chronic Bronchitis, Rheumatism, Gout, etc. in the family or history of gonorrhœa in the husband may be present. If the pregnant woman is treated since the beginning of pregnancy with chronic constitutional remedies,

there is the least chance or the development of Eclampsia, or any other disease of pregnancy.

3. *Mole*—is of sycotic origin.

4. *Abortion*—An important cause is Syphilis. Other causes, toxæmia, uterine cause, trauma etc.

5. *Placenta Prævia*.

The constitutional treatment helps placenta to remain in normal position. At the time of occurrence, if surgical interference is needed, we should resort to it.

6. *Puerperal Sepsis*.

A Judicial constitutional treatment since the beginning of pregnancy can help to prevent puerperal sepsis. In these cases, we should prescribe anti-psoric, anti-sycotic and anti-syphilitic remedies.

HOMŒOPATHY IN VETERINARY PRACTICE

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MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I am most honoured to be asked by you to come here tonight and give this paper on Homœopathy as Applied to Veterinary Practice. Perhaps I have come by this privilege, through being one of the few veterinary surgeons who was born with the aid of, and brought up by, Homœopathy. Indeed, I have never, in all my life, suffered the pain of an injection or vaccination except in the dentist's chair. I feel very humble, not to say a little nervous, to talk in front of you, knowing how many of you are masters of the art of homœopathic prescribing; and we, as a Veterinary Section, are relatively beginners, feeling our way and trying to overcome obstacles which are many and peculiar to our calling.

Our patients in health, and particularly in sickness, are almost daily surrounded by strong disinfectants; the cow-sheds, kennels and stables, even the household pet in sickness.