

and pus discharge are present. *Tuberculinum* is continued from time to time. A salve of Peru balsam in lanolin is ordered.

Six months later : The child was again brought to me ; she was generally in good condition, holds and moves head well, talks and is happy. Old cough and glandular swelling have vanished. Two fistulæ discharge slightly. *Oleum terebinthina* 2c was given. After 6 weeks : All affections healed except a small fistula on neck with slight discharge. *Silicea* 6c completed the cure.

(To be continued)

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THUJA IS THE "TREE OF LIFE"

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But do you mean that I should not have my child vaccinated ? Asked one of my patients who looked at me as though I had gone mad !

I did mean just that I would like to discuss the dangers of vaccination because too few people realize that there are any, whilst the Physician of the Allopathic School does not recognize that there are any dangers at all.

It seems incredible to me that anybody could agree to putting pus from a diseased cow into a beautiful new-born baby. Listen to the comments of the late Dr. James Compton Burnette—"Lymph, of course, it is not, but pus—matter—and why specific virulent pus should be persistently called 'lymph' seems somewhat peculiar and is eminently unscientific. As I am a lover of purity, and incidentally also of philological purity, I call this 'Lymph' pus, because it is pus and not 'Lymph'.

Homœopaths owe a great deal to the late Dr. James Compton Burnette for his book "Vaccinosis and its cure by Thuja" from

which the above was taken. This gem is, unfortunately, out of print but at the beginning he says: "Wherein does the Protective Power of Vaccination consist?"

"Given a perfectly healthy individual who has never been vaccinated. We say to such a one, you must be vaccinated or you are liable to catch smallpox, which is often about. Let us pause to note clearly that the individual thus warned by us as being liable to catch smallpox, is perfectly healthy. Now let us vaccinate this perfectly healthy person and the vaccination succeeding we say he is henceforth protected from smallpox. That is to say, this thoroughly healthy nonvaccinated person becomes more or less proof against the contagion of smallpox by vaccination, or at any rate it is so averted.

It may be safely admitted that no one can be more than perfectly healthy, and modification or altering of perfect health must result in a minus, i.e., less than perfect health must necessarily be disease or ill-health of some sort and in some degree.

Hence it follows that the protective power of vaccination is due to a diseased state of the body."

All kinds of reactions can be set up from a "diseased state" and this is very true following vaccination.

As Homœopaths, we all understand how the patient benefits from the "minimum dose"—That released power or energy that can have such a dynamic effect. Now, when a patient is vaccinated, a very large amount portion of "foreign matter" is put into the body. A minute portion of this is used to immunize the patient against smallpox but the rest lies dormant (as a poison) perhaps for several or many years and then something comes along which calls it into action—an accident perhaps, an emotional upset; a bout of influenza or an illness—any one of these and many more can set light to the hidden fires and bring them to the surface in the form of chronic disease.

Every Homœopathic practitioner can give examples of vaccinal poisoning, because it is most unusual these days to find a person who has not been vaccinated and these two cases come to mind.

Some time ago a young man came to see me he was tired, but he could not sleep, he felt irritable and feared that his busi-

ness would collapse at any moment, and life, for him was becoming darker and more dreary every week. I asked him lots of questions and ascertained that he was remarkably fit in his childhood and teenage and at the age of 18 he went into R. A. F. and during his three years of service he was vaccinated four times; the third time did not take and so it was repeated three days later! He had not been vaccinated prior to this. Since returning to civilian life, this patient suffered from "athlete's foot", sore throats and he had had one bad bout of quinsy. As all his troubles were subsequent to the four vaccinations I gave him one dose of Thuja fairly high and some sac. lac. pills to be taken daily. After a month the patient himself told me that he was 75 per cent better and the second dose (in the same potency) cured him.

A child of 7 was brought to see me suffering from asthma alternating with a nasty skin rash it was the usual story. When the asthma was bad the skin was almost clear and when the asthma went away the skin was very bad. This little boy had travelled a great deal to see his father whose job was overseas and I discovered that he had been vaccinated four times in his short life. I gave Thuja to commence the treatment and the immediate reaction was revealing the skin eruption was worse than it had ever, soon an improvement started and Thuja was the only remedy he had for several months. When it had done its job, the child's constitutional remedy finished the good work and the child was cured.

I have proved that Thuja does help to eradicate the poisons left over from all the other inoculations which are so popular today and therefore if I ascertain that a patient has been vaccinated twice or more and has had some of the other inoculations for whooping cough, diphtheria and so on, then Thuja is always given at the commencement and invariably it clears up a great deal of symptoms.

We have to thank Dr. Burnett for the discovery of Thuja as an antidote to vaccinal poisoning and I am going to quote one or two of his own cases as a matter of interest.

"On January 25th 1884, I was requested to see a lady in a well known London square. She is a trifle over fifty, healthy

looking and enjoying good health except for headaches. These headaches were the bane of her life, as any extra exertion, worry, or work put her out and brought them or exacerbated them. A few visitors at her ordinary social duties, a dinner, an evening at the theatre, a little meeting for benevolent purposes, an uncivil servant, each and all were the cause for her headache. She had them every few days, and ever since she could remember, but greatly increased in severity during the past three years, She did not expect to be cured, at any age, and after so many years, said this lady. Moreover she did not(?) believe in Homœopathy, no, not in the least, but I have tried all the best doctors and they have failed, and hearing from lady that you were specially good at health, I determined to send for you.

'Vaccinated?' 'Oh yes, five or six times; has not taken for years; do you think I had better be done again?

THUJA OCCIDENTALIS 30

On February 9th I called: "Oh, I am better, I have only had one headache two days after I began with your powders and I am very much less nervous," To continue the medicine:

March 2nd "I have not had any headache at all, although I have been doing just the very things that always bring them on. I have the greatest confidence in Homœopathy.

These are, professional brother, what I conceive to be clinical facts. The lady had the headaches for more than thirty years; I gave her Thuja and the headache departed and thus far have not returned. But what are facts to me may be faddles to you, all laws of evidence to the contrary notwithstanding."

"Post Orbital Neuralgia of Twenty Years standing."

"This case (which came under observation on January 9th 1882) is one of considerable interest on various accounts. Its subject, a lady of ever high rank over fifty years of age, had been in turns, and for many years, under almost all the leading oculists of London for thin neuralgia of the eyes, i.e., terrible pain at the back of the eyes, coming on in paroxysms and confining her to her room for many days together; some attacks would last for six weeks. Some of the neuralgic pain, however, remained at all the times. Her eyes had been examined by almost every notable oculist in London, and no one could

find anything wrong with them structurally, so it was unanimously agreed and declared to be neuralgia of the fifth nerve. Of course, no end of tonics, anodynes, and alternatives had been used. The oculists sent her to the physicians and these back again to the oculists. The late Dr. Quin and other leading Homœopaths had been tried, but no one had ever touched it."

Laterly and for years, she had tried nothing : whenever an attack came on she would remain in her darkened bedroom, with her head tied up, betwailing her fate. To me she exclaimed my existence is one lifelong crucifixion.

I should have stated that the neuralgia was preceded and accompanied by influenza. In the aggregate these attacks of influenza and post orbital neuraglia confined her to her room nearly half the year. In appearance she was healthy, well nourished and fairly vigorous. A friend of hers had been benefited by Homœopathy in my hands and she therefore came to me in utter despair.

These are the simple facts of the case, though they look very like piling up the agony. Now for the remedy. The course of allopathy had been exhausted and, moreover, I have no confidence in them anyway ; Homœopathy and good Homœopathy too for the men who tried knew their work, had also failed. Do-nothing, now much in vogue, had fared no better. I reasoned thus ; This lady tells me she had been vaccinated five or six times, and being thus very much vaccinated, she may be just suffering from chronic vaccinosis, one chief symptom of which is a cephalalgia like here, so I forthwith prescribed Thuja (30). It cured and the cure has lasted till now. The neuralgia disappeared slowly ; in about six weeks (February 14, 1882) I wrote in my case book. 'The eyes are well !'

As I have not heard from the patient for some time I am just writing a note to her to know whether the neuralgia has thus far (December 30, 1882) returned. The reply I will add.

Of course it does not follow that because Thuja cured this case of neuralgia of some twenty years standing, that therefore the lady was suffering from vaccinosis ; that Thuja did cure it is incontrovertible and my vaccinosis hypothesis led me to prescribe it. More cannot be maintained. At least the case

must stand as a clinical triumph for Thuja (30) this much is absolute.

I reply to my enquiry, I received the following :—

January 1st, 1883. I have been in very much stronger health ever since I crossed your threshold, and excepting one or two attempts or a return from the enemy, I have been quite free from suffering."

PUSTULAR ERUPTIONS

"Miss—, at, 18, was revaccinated in July 1881, at her parents' country residence, thirty miles from London, by the local surgeon, with 'lymph' direct from the calf. The operation was very successful, and she had a very fine arm. But as the arm was just at its greatest perfection, she got an eruption on her chin, covering its whole extent and involving the lower lip. The thing was very unsightly, and had a singularly ugly repulsive aspect. The gentleman who had done the re-vaccination was of opinion that Miss—had got some of the vaccine on to her finger nails and inoculated herself by scratching. The sequel, however, showed that the chin manifestation was from within. The surgeon had ordered application, two of which were vaseline and zinc ointment, but the eruption on the chin was not to be got rid of. The young lady had to wear a dense veil to hide her face when driving out. She was brought to London for my advice and I gave Thuja 30. In a fortnight she was out and about, and only some diffused redness of the skin remained but no scar or thickened skin. Now, it might be objected to this case that the Thuja had nothing to do with that disappearance of the eruption, because it was just the history of the disease; it ran through its natural course and died. I brought that to myself at the time of prescribing but against this was the fact that the arm had healed already, and it had depassed the natural course of vaccinia by at least a fortnight when I first prescribed the Thuja. But to have a test I gave her brother who also had a somewhat similar pustular eruption (and who had been re-vaccinated at the same time); but more spare and instead of being on the chin, it was around the left nostril. I say to have a test, I gave this brother of Miss—Antimonium tart, which is also as everyone knows, ap-

parently homœopathic to such a pustular eruption. The two eruptions were similar though the boy's was comparatively trivial and of the same age and from the same cause i.e. from the vaccine virus. The patients went into the country and in two or three weeks' time the mother wrote that the young lady was quite well, 'the medicine soon put her right' was the expression, but the boy had a bad cold in his head nose bleed; left side of nose swelled and red; two little spots of matter the size of a large pin's head, at the edge of the nostril, and below it having something the of—'s chip; his arm also not well, and he had four little pockets about the vaccination marks, I sent Thuja 30 and he was reported well in ten days.

In anyone can account for the cure of these two cases independents of the Thuja, his ingenuity is greater than mine. That they were casually connected with the re-vaccination admits of no doubt whatsoever. Nevertheless, it does not do to be quite sure of one's facts; sources of error are often very occult."

The little book of Dr. Burnett's from which these cases were taken should have a place on the bookshelf of every student of Homœopathy and if the reader should stumble over a secondhand copy—Buy it and READ it, then BROWSE in in it.

The question arises as to what can be done when people go to other countries and have to be vaccinated before boarding the ship or plane. A friend of mine rang me up only a few weeks ago as she was sailing for Newzealand and a certificate of vaccination had to be in her possession when she left this country. Fortunately Dr. J. H. Clarke has given us the answer. Thuja 3 should be taken the day before, three doses on the day of vaccination, and three doses the day after the vaccination and there will be no ill-effects afterwards—whatsoever.

Thuja occidentalis is indeed the "Tree of life."

—*Health Through Homœopathy*
