

# THE HAHNEMANNIAN GLEANINGS

Vol XXVI

AUGUST 1959

No. 8

## CURRICULUM FOR HOMŒOPATHIC STUDENTS

DR. S. M. BHATTACHERJEE, M.A., P.R.S.M., BERHAMPORE

The Organon is the store-house of everything Homœopathic. We may expect that there must be some pointers to the curriculum for homœopathic students in the said work. If we read between the lines in Section 3 of it, as clarified by Secs. 4—7 and Sec. 186, we find that our expectation comes true.

What Hahnemann requires of the Physician, so that he is able to cure a case of disease, is enumerated in the said section in the following way :

1. Knowledge of Disease
2. Knowledge of Medicine
3. Choice of the remedy
4. Preparation of the remedy
5. Posology or dose
6. Repetition
7. Obstacles to recovery

These are the seven fibres that go to weave the whole texture of the Organon.

### KNOWLEDGE OF DISEASE

Disease refers to the opposite state of ease of the human organism. A perfect knowledge of disease entails a previous knowledge of the organism in ease, i.e., in its normalcy. The branch of study of the normal organism is divisible into two parts, e.g., Anatomy and Physiology, which deal with the normal

structure and normal functioning of the organism, respectively. Knowledge of disease proper refers to the causative factors of disease, its common, general, or particular symptoms, prognosis, diet and regimen. So this subject refers to the Practice of Medicine. *Ætiology* in Homœopathy differs to a considerable extent from the *Ætiology* in Allopathy. So the study of the Homœopathic *Ætiology* refers to Hahnemann's conclusions in his works, the *Organon* and the *Chronic Diseases*. When *Ætiology* is purely of a mechanical, external and topical nature, calling for manipulation or operative surgery, or when the end-products of disease are irreversible states, surgery becomes the relevant subject of study. Obstetrics is a branch of surgery, manipulative as well as operative, to which is allied the science of Gynæcology. Diseases have end-results which are conceived, rightly or wrongly, to be *ætiological*, again. So Pathology and Bacteriology legitimately form the subjects of study.

#### KNOWLEDGE OF MEDICINE

Knowledge of Medicine refers to the knowledge of the natural history, habitat, principle and method of collection, preservation and selection of parts, of the drugs, i.e., to Pharmacopœia. It refers, again, to its action upon the human organism, which may by nature be either toxicological or pharmacodynamic. So, knowledge of medicine refers to Pharmacopœia, Toxicology and Pharmacodynamics. Toxicology is in Allopathic *Materia Medica* and Pharmacodynamics, in the Homœopathic. Toxicology refers, again, to Medical Jurisprudence.

#### OBSTACLES TO RECOVERY

The Obstacles refer to General Hygiene, and Hygiene peculiar to Homœopathy in the shape of Dietetics and the subject of regimen, as formulated by Hahnemann in his famous works, the *Organon* and the *Chronic Diseases*.

#### THE REST

The rest of the subjects from 3—6 are dealt with in the Homœopathic *Materia Medica*, the *Organon*, and the work on the *Chronic Diseases*.

## CONCLUSION

So, over and above the Homœopathic subjects dealt with in the (1) *Materia Medica*, (2) *Organon*, (3) *Chronic Diseases*, (4) *Pharmacopœia*, and (5) *Repertory*, the following medical subjects are the essentials of study for a Homœopathic student of the Degree course :—

- |                                       |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Anatomy                            | 6. Surgery               |
| 2. Physiology                         | 7. Pathology             |
| 3. Practice of Medicine               | 8. Bacteriology          |
| 4. Obstetrics                         | 9. Medical Jurisprudence |
| 5. Gynæcology                         | 10. Hygiene              |
| 11. Clinical knowledge in a Hospital. |                          |

## POST GRADUATE STUDIES

The above subjects should form the curriculum for a four- or five-year degree course in a homœopathic medical college. But, as the four or five years of study are not sufficient to furnish a homœopathic student completely with all that is to be known in Homœopathy, a Post-graduate course of studies for two years, consisting of the following subjects, should be offered :—

1. *Materia Medica*—Higher studies (*Materia Medica Pura*, *Chronic Diseases*, *Guidings Symptoms*, *Encyclopædia*, *Cyclopædia of Drug Pathogenesis*).
2. *Repertory* (*Bœnninghausen*, *Kent*, and *Card Repertories*).
3. *Homœopathic Philosophy* (*Kent*, *J. H. Allen*, *Stuart Close*, *Roberts*, *Wheeler*, *Otto Leeser*, *August Bier*).
4. *Pharmacopœia* (*Complete of U.S.A.*).
5. *Modern Homœopathic Researches*—(*Abraham*, *Stearns*, *Bier*, *Kolisko*, *Boyd*, *Patterson*, *Twentyman*, *Templeton*, *Foubister*, *Grimmer*, *Boericke*, *Mackenzie*, *Gutman*, *Stephenson*).
6. *Clinical Studies and Statistics in a homœopathic hospital*.

(Continued on page 368)

Considering the negligible cost of Homœopathic medicines, a huge amount of national wealth can be saved while launching our country-wide health programmes in future.

I also appeal to our Finance Minister, who is so much devoted to truth and justice, to pause and ponder over these suggestions of mine regarding the efficacy and usefulness of Homœopathy in our national economy, and give a fair deal and trial to it.

Finally, I offer my grateful thanks to my Homœopath friends who gave me this opportunity to preside over the deliberations of this congress. I shall ever cherish very happy memories of the cordial welcome and hospitality accorded to me, and of this historic city of yours.

Before I close I should like to appeal to my colleagues and friends to bear in mind the simple maxim "United we stand, divided we fall", and spare no pains to foster a spirit of unity and solidarity in our ranks. I am sure that at no distant date we shall have reached our goal.

May we rise to the occasion and keep aflame the torch lighted by our Master ever brighter and brighter and devote ourselves to the cause of national health scheme, by rendering service heart and soul to the suffering millions of our ancient holy land.

*Jay Hind. Jay Homœopathy.*

## CURRICULUM FOR HOMŒOPATHIC STUDENTS

*(Continued from page 339)*

### ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility to the Post-Graduate Course should be graduation from a recognised Homœopathic Medical College, or from any other college with the additional qualification of a diploma of Degree Course in the homœopathic subjects from a recognised Institution. Homœopathy can not be relegated to the Post-graduate Studies alone.