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DOES HOMŒOPATHIC METHOD OF TREATMENT REALLY REQUIRE LONGER TIME FOR CURE ?

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The answer to this question is connected with the meaning of the term "Cure". Lay People as well as non-homœopathic physicians generally mean by cure the disappearance of present troublesome symptoms together with their palpable proximate causes for more or less time. But most often esp. in chronic cases this simply means palliation which is far from cure. The real meaning of the terms "Cure" and "Palliation" we have discussed in last two successive issues.

In the matter of palliation, in as much as the non-homœopathic methods depend on drastic suppressive methods—they can far more often remove the symptoms for more or less time, almost unconditionally. Whereas, because any effect of a homœopathic remedy is pre-conditioned by symptom-similarity first one or more prescriptions may be totally ineffective due to failure in finding a truly similar remedy—thus delaying relief. But once a correct selection is made the effect is incomparably far more instantaneous and far more long-lasting and completely without any secondary ill effects or side-effects. Thus we see, in the matter of palliation, the time-factor in homœopathic method is determined by the only problem of finding the similar drug, and once it is solved, it is not only far quicker in action but more salutary in every respect.

But the question mainly and really concerns the problem of cure. People innocent about the meaning of real cure often flies from physician to physician for obtaining rapid recovery. This urge for hurry is overwhelmingly increasing in the present age of industry when every hour means money or starvation.

Thus, a case of amœbic dysentery calls in all allopathic doctor for obtaining immediate relief and takes Sulphaguanidine, Enterovioform etc., together with a course of injection of Emetine. Gets relief in some days. But relapses in more or less time and takes the same treatment. Again relapses poor effects with same treatment and so takes antibiotic drugs with quick relief. But, Alas! relapses again—various other antibiotic and anti-amœbic drugs; then ultimately develops the habit of carrying in his pockets phials of Enteroquinol, Sulphaguanidine etc. and medicating himself at any bowel disorder. Gradually there appears constipation alternating with diarrhœa or dysentery, various forms of dyspepsia, cardiac troubles, vasomotor neurosis and so on, for each of which he has to take this or that medicine—more or less perpetually—ultimately turning himself into a kaliedoscope of disorders—from various drugs as well as actual disease. Similar is the affair with a case of Rheumatism, or Migraine or Eczema, or Asthma, or Hypertension or a colic or for the matter of that any chronic disorder. And not only in cases of chronic disease but in acute cases also the situation is not much different. Attempts at suppression of a case of typhoid, pneumonia or even a common cold by various potent drugs of modern allopathic medicine often lead to various chronic susceptibility or actual ailments—requiring various dopes or actual doctoring throughout life.

But the crux of the problem is that the patient considers himself ill only when he is confined to bed and unfit for work and takes himself as cured as soon as able to leave bed but actually with further deteriorated vitality, with more susceptibility to various diseases, or physically with various minor ailments. Each time illuding himself to have been cured of one disease and then incurring a fresh one. Thus

going on taking various medicines from various doctors or various dopes straight from shops and this latter he does not like to admit as actual treatment. Thus going on taking various medicines throughout his life though not aware of the fact that all along he is under some treatment, of course very irregular and haphazard.

But as soon as such patients are asked to submit to a regular and systematic treatment which to be curative would naturally take a fairly longer time than the methods of doping and suppression he had so long been indulging in he becomes nervous and reluctant. His nervousness is further enhanced when he is made aware that all his previous disorders are persisting in him in a more or less dormant state, and that each of them is likely to reappear to the forefront in course of actual treatment before they finally go away. But, for radical cure there is no other alternative. And this radical cure is not possible with any method which consider these different manifestations as different diseases and try to cope with them separately throughout the whole life, but only with Homœopathy which tries to deal with the basis of all these different types of disorders viz. the deranged vital force in a particular way for each individual patient. This radical treatment certainly requires some long time, but even that is far shorter than perpetual suffering from various disorders of different names with their respective treatment throughout whole life.
