

HOMŒOPATHY IN SCHOOLS

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This is a bare truth that every child in school requires medical aid and regular medical care. In some States, the school-authorities charge a nominal monthly fee from each student and deposit the medical fee with the Government which provides free treatment through the school dispensaries and medical officers appointed therefor. But every guardian will surely agree with me that school dispensaries do not function as they ought to do in a democratic State, nor there is regular medical examination by the medical officers in the schools. The medical officers are insufficient in number to cope with the demands of every school and every child. So it is quite obvious that children are deprived of their right and a national loss is incurred thereby. These dispensaries and doctors are Allopathic so they are provided at a very high cost and great inconvenience too. This shortcoming in school and education is to be removed for the development of wholesome personality of children and some suitable via media is to be found out. As such I can suggest a simple solution and means and that is the opening of homœopathic hospitals in every school if possible. Instead of giving the medical fee charged from students to the Government it should be used in meeting the expenses of homœopathic medicines and the qualified homœopathic doctors graduated from State Homœopathic Colleges who undergo a training for five years similar to that of Allopathic Medical Colleges. Almost every guardian will accept that Homœopathy is indeed a good system of treatment and best suited to the children. The school authorities have to move in this direction, and I may say that some have started establishing homœopathic hospitals in schools. In Lucknow a noted public school has adopted this method and with great success, the health of the students has been improved. It is only a matter of popularising this practice and if schools in cities and rural areas as well follow suit, I hope no better service can be done to improve the national health than this.

Let me assure the school authorities that we doctors are ready to give our services for the great cause of serving the future builders of the nation.