

HOMŒOPROPHYLAXIS

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Homœopathy is an instrument so delicate that any rough handling may destroy it altogether. It is like entrusting a chronometer to an energetic youngster interested in mechanical toys. Homœopathy is too delicate for unsympathetic handling, it is too minute for the materialistic minded and too gentle for the world of Atomic Bomb.

I shall tell you of my own experience. I had a friend who was a Major in the Army, and his baby under my care, did excellently, no illness, no tantrums. His day consisted of feeding at fixed hours, play in the cot and sleep. All rosy health and smiles!

Then came the usual pressure for vaccination, the Triple Vaccination, T.A.B., the Salk Vaccine, B.C.G. etc. They asked me to decide. "No", I said, but vaccination was allowed and antidoted five days later. About a month later the Major asked me for a list of the commonest prophylactics employed in Homœopathy. Unfortunately, without a thought to the matter, a list of disease names and the prophylactics was given:

Scarlet fever:	Bell; Scarletin
Mumps:	Parotidin
Diphtheria:	Diphtherin
Measles:	Pulsatilla; Sulph; Euphrasia.

A month later I was called to see the child—an emaciated child, gone dark, hollow-eyed, off the feed, and diarrhoeic stools when fed, whining and crying, not soothed by being carried. How did that happen? "We do not know, the only thing we have given him is some of the prophylactics". Never again have I been enthusiastic about prophylactics.

"You never use prophylactics?" the reader may ask. Oh, yes, I do, but in the Hahnemannian way. We study the epidemic as it is coming, gather the symptoms of the few first cases, study a few more. Find a similimum for that composite case, then use it as a routine remedy unless something else is indicated. We found Gelsemium for the Flue of 1957. Hahnemannian Gleanings copied my anonymous article from Health & You, but I did not pursue the matter as it elicited no interest, no comment, no reports from other colleagues.

In 1955, Mumps broke out in the local Public school, and spread like wild-fire. The wife of the local D.S.P. was Homœopathic minded and distributed Parotidin to children suffering from Mumps with prompt relief and saving of much suffering. It was my first experience with Parotidin and I have never been without it.

In December 1955, a friend came back from a holiday at Abohar,

(a border village in the District of Bhatinda) and said that his child would come down with measles, could I give something for her? I got her symptoms, but could not decide what to give. Next day there were two children, they had loose rattling cough with vomiting and much of nausea. Ant-tart helped. And Antimonium tart remained the remedy for all routine cases whether they had the back-ache or not. In February 1956, small-pox appeared on the scene. Variol. was given here and there, but I found that Ant-t opened every door in all cases. It worked at all stages, aborting early cases, expediting where the eruption had come out and helping in drying the cicatrices at a later stage, preventing pitting. Beautiful work to satisfy anyone.

With this much as introduction, let us now walk into the other camp. They began with cinchona, mercury, arsenic and iron. We still prize these drugs, and under the lead given by Dr. Hahnemann they still perform miracles. In the hand of the allopath they were killers, hence given up in disgust; so have been thousands of drugs. They come, they are abused, and given up. About 54 drugs have been banned during the last three years, and hundreds of more will be as the years roll by. During my life time, drugs, like ipecacuanha (in drop doses), arnica, pulsatilla, withered in their hands, while they still blossom for you and me. Why? Because they won't learn. They lack the necessary qualification for learning; Humility! Perseverance!

There will be another difficulty; Pathological names associated with drugs, and when they fail, it will not be their failure, but it is Homœopathy that shall be blamed.

That is not all. If it is pneumonia, they will prescribe all sorts of unsuitable drugs, and they declare, "We have tried Homœopathy, it has failed." The theory of prophylaxis according to their science is different. That theory is: you make a person so sick that he cannot take the Epidemic. A healthy child reacts to infection of small-pox, and throws out an eruption, and is better in health on account of that fight against disease. This is advocated by Ayurveda, and this is my experience too; and it is the same with provings, if properly conducted. But a vaccinated person is a diseased person, and the protection is a morbid protection, hence if the disease can get round that morbidity it is so severe that it kills. That killing can be explained in another manner too. A diseased body is a weakened body, depleted of vital energy, and when two diseases, similar in nature join together to attack such a weakened constitution death will be the consequence.

Should we not co-operate with the Government? We should, but on our own conditions. Let the Government distribute the prophylactic of our pointing; or let the distributing agency understand the underlying philosophy and work it out as the Master laid it down. Personally I believe neither will happen.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sir,

I will be obliged if you be kind enough to publish the following under "Letters to Editor" of your esteemed periodical.

"It is a pleasure to learn that an All India Homœopathic Directory has been published from South by Indian Homœopathic Gazette. It is a good attempt but not sufficiently praiseworthy.

"There is no uniformity of news, e.g. the details of syllabus are given only under the Bihar's informations.

"Secondly, it is not mentioned whether the names listed are registered or unregistered persons.

"There is even no mention about the number of qualified and trained Homœopaths in each State.

"Fourthly, many of the articles are taken from the Souvenir of 6th All India Homœopathic Congress, but still no mention thereof has been made. This falls short of spirit of Journalism."

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Others before me have had this experience. Says Hitopadesha: Virtues remain such with the virtuous, becoming demerits with the non-virtuous, just as all sweet-water rivers become brackish on entering the sea.

Ixion wrote in Juno's autograph book:—

Adventures are to the adventurous!

and Guru Nanak said:

Bhakti bhaktanihun baniayi.

And one may add:

"Homœopathy is for the Homœopathist".
