

servants of the nation. Let us serve the people selflessly with Homœopathy, never forgetting its basic principles. With the grace of Providence, I can assure you, Homœopathy will rise to the Pyramid of glory.

Jai Hind, Jai Homœopathy.

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

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Mr. President, Honoured Guests, Dear Graduates and Students of this College,

I feel proud of the great privilege of addressing this First Convocation of the Dacca Homœopathic Medical College. At the very outset we offer our sincere greetings and welcome to the President, our beloved Minister of Health, Mr. D. N. Dutta, who has been so kind as to grace this occasion with his august presence. In our struggle for the cause of Homœopathy we think and believe that his glowing example of life-long sacrifice and adherence to principles of truth and justice will support and assist us in creating here in Dacca a Homœopathic Medical Institution which will be the best of its kind in the whole of Pakistan.

I shall not tire your attention by telling you of the various problems immediately confronting our College, because you will, I hope, kindly read the Report of the College presented to you and get yourselves acquainted with our activities, trials and tribulations. For the present I would propose to take you to the special field of human knowledge which has contributed towards bringing the medical relief of physical and mental sufferings within the easy reach of all persons irrespective of the rich and the poor. Since its discovery about 150 years back by the great medical scientist Dr. Samuel Hahnemann of Germany, Science has made tremendous progress and brought about revolutionary changes in every walk of life. But this knowledge of medicine, I mean Homœopathy, still remains

unique in human experience, for science has, instead of supplanting it, tended to increase our faith by corroborating its principles and tenets. Yet tradition, sectarianism, authority and dogmatism have stood in the way of probing into the depth of this New Medical Discovery and utilising it universally in the solution of the medical and health problems of mankind.

Here in our country Homœopathy is the faith of a minority. There are no loaves and fishes of the state for the votaries of homœopathy. Under such black and adverse circumstances they practice Homœopathy in the competitive field, surviving and expanding against all odds and difficulties. Every lay man who has ever experienced the effects of Homœopathic medication is an unreserved witness to its wonderful efficacy. If Survival of the Fittest is the Law of Nature, then Homœopathy has certainly the right to claim a place in the scheme of things under the Government of our country. There is no denying the fact that the practitioners of this system, though not supported and patronised by the state, have been rendering medical relief to the millions of our countrymen. Our leaders and statesmen in the Government, who, unlike their predecessors, desire and value the good-will of the people, will surely recognise and appreciate this great service to the nation.

The homœopaths are really proud that they have been the bearers of a great heritage and tradition. We know this tradition has not grown out of government patronage and medical commercialism, but has developed from the untiring self-efforts and inner urge of many intellectual giants to apply this basic healing Law of Nature, "Similia Similibus Curentur", that is, likes are cured by likes. It is inspiring to recall to memory the courageous stand taken by Dr. Mahendralal Sarkar, M.D., D.L., C.I.E., one of the greatest medical geniuses of modern times, to substantiate the truth of Homœopathy in the actual clinical field. It was through Dr. Sarkar and his dynamic personality and also through many other medical stalwarts and giants like Dr. Berigny, Dr. Salzar, Dr. P. C. Mazumdar, Dr. Younan, Dr. T. N. Palit, Dr. J. N. Mazumdar, Homœopathy spread throughout the length and breadth of the Pak-Bharat

Sub-continent. These great men worked with missionary zeal for the propagation of the knowledge of this beneficent medical science, for the good of the teeming millions of our poor country. Today we find that their labours and sacrifices have begun to bear fruit and have brought us nearer to the cherished goal of recognition by the State.

With such a great tradition we need not be discouraged by the obstacles and difficulties which at present make the future of homœopathy seem dubious ; but these must be overcome. Truth is indeed great and shall triumph and prevail in the long run. It is, however, a happy sign that the Homœopathic profession is getting more and more conscious of its duties and obligations, its rights and privileges and trying to make its weight and importance felt by all and sundry.

In judging the scientific value of Homœopathy, certain facts should be borne in mind. Time and experience have proved that Homœopathy as a system of medical therapy is based upon the fundamental laws of Nature, but the general lay public and the non-homœopathic practitioners from their conception of this scientific system of medicine, from the superficial view of its simple-looking remedies used in single impoderable doses, without having made themselves conversant with the vast Homœopathic literature. To understand the curative efficiency of the minute doses of the homœopathic remedy mere theorising is not enough. Observation and experience of its effects on the sick man and the sick woman can alone decide the point and a very deep knowledge of Nuclear Physics and modern researches on the activity of the invisible Nuclear energy may dispel the wrong notion about this medical science.

Homœopathy is now recognised system of medical treatment in almost all Western Countries such as England, Germany, France and Russia in Europe and U.S.A., Brazil, Argentina, Canada, Mexico, etc., in America. To reach this position it had to struggle hard and face tremendous opposition both from the state and its patronised school of medicine. Orthodoxy and conservatism died hard and there being no scope for commercialism in homœopathic medicine it offers no

attraction to medical men. Besides, in those days experiment on Nuclear forces and demonstration of the efficiency of the minute Homœopathic medical doses were beyond the reach of Chemistry and Physics. So Hahnemann was 150 years ahead of his time in regard to his theory, but in actual practice experience has always and invariably proved the truth underlying the theory of Homœopathic medication.

However, in recent years, opposition to Homœopathy has given place to the genuine appreciation of its value and scientificity all over the world. This is because there have been extensive and intensive researches in Nuclear Physics which have afforded ample proof of the dynamic action of Homœopathic drugs. The Departments of Physics of the Universities of California, Maryland, John Hopkins at Baltimore, Harvard, Utah, Nebraska, University of Yale and finally the Research Medical Institute of Dr. William Boyd in Scotland, as also the work of Morton Whitby of St. Margaret Hospital in London and Dr. Otto Lesser in Germany have contributed immensely towards proving conclusively how the Homœopathic drugs act in sub-physiologic doses. Dr. Boyd, with the help of the Emanometer, a delicate instrument invented by him, demonstrated successfully before the Horder Medical Commission in England the radiation of energy from the potentised dilutions of Homœopathic remedy.

So, Homœopathy is on its march to progress. In our neighbouring country of Bharat, almost every state has in the meantime passed acts for developing and patronising the Homœopathic system of medicine. In Bombay, the Government have already started a fullfledged Homœopathic Hospital. The Bharat Government has provided in the Five Years Plan a crore of rupees for the establishment of Homœopathic college, hospitals, charitable dispensaries, research laboratories etc.; most of the State-Governments have likewise made provision for spending large sums of money on the development of the Homœopathic medical system. Particular mention may be made of the Bihar Government which have already sanctioned a capital grant of Rs. 8 lacs and a recurring annual grant of Rs. 3 lacs for the establishment of a Homœopathic

college and hospital at Patna. A sum of Rs. 10 lacs have been provided in the Five Year Plan for upgrading one of the Homœopathic colleges at Calcutta.

But, unfortunately, the Central Planning Board of Pakistan, have provided nothing for us in the Five Year Development Plan, save and except a suggestion to the Central Government to call a Medical Conference to decide upon the Future Policy in regard to Homœopathy. It is more unfortunate that this conference will be a body of experts in the health field, who will draw expert plans based on their knowledge and not upon the needs of the people. The Five Year Plan will show that the Planning Board of the Central Government consists of experts who are specialists and economists to their very back bone. They dabble in theories and speculations, because they are not statesmen like our political leaders who mix with the people and know their needs. So we hope that in future our political leaders who know the people and their needs will take up the work of planning instead of leaving this urgent task of national reconstruction to the experts whose interests are more academic than practical.

So, without providing a single farthing for us, the Government of Pakistan has chosen recently to bring a Bill in the National Assembly, whose obvious object is to regulate and control the Homœopathic Profession. Its socio-economic implications will become clear to us, if we take into account the unsympathetic attitude of the Bill towards the growth and development of Homœopathy. There is no recognition of the system and the Bill is but a regulatory measure with many defections and short comings and without any constructive out-look.

Against this background of no support and patronage from any quarters, the College Authorities have spared no means within their power to muster the best qualified teachers and train the students in the science and art of Homœopathy, as far as practicable. It is, indeed, a fact that justice cannot be done to the teaching of vast medical subjects and the clinical training of the students, within the period of three years' study, which course this college offers now. Yet within this

short period and the limited resources, the students have been taught Anatomy, Physiology, Practical Anatomy through dissections of dead human bodies, Chemistry, Physics and Biology, the knowledge of which is essential to the study of the medical subjects proper. In addition to the regular Homœopathic subjects, Gynæcology, Mid-wifery, Public Health and Hygiene, Medical jurisprudence and Surgery have been taught by the graduates of the Dacca Medical College. They have also been given practical training in the Art of Diagnosis and Prescribing, in the College Out-patients' department. We hope this will largely make up for their deficiency in bed-side training in a hospital which is yet beyond the financial ability of the College Authorities to provide for. In short every real and genuine effort has been made to train them in such a way as to enable them to practice Homœopathy with modern mental equipments.

Now Graduates of the College! I offer my heartiest congratulation to you on your success in your qualifying examinations. What I admire is your patience and courage, because you have chosen a path of struggle for the cause of truth and service to suffering humanity, rather than a path of easy financial gain. Monetary prospects in Homœopathic practice are not great unless you can create faith and confidence in the minds of your clientele and establish your reputation as successful physicians. During your stay in the college you have been always taught that Homœopathy has a great advantage and superiority over all other systems of medicine, and that it has put into your hands tools of amazing power, which, if you can use intelligently and properly, will surely make you a centre of attraction and a man of respect and position in society. Into the hard world you should carry with you the intellectual hall mark you have received in this institution. The people will judge you by this hall mark. In the world of experience glamour and spectacular show that you see in other systems of medicine will not help you very much, but you will win by dint of perseverance and capacity for hard and conscientious work, sincerity of purpose and honesty of character, accurate knowledge and shrewd understanding of

human characteristics and a sympathetic attitude to your patients.

So you should make it a point of honour to start your career as a true Hahnemannian Homœopath and uphold the distinct individuality of your Homœopathic practice. Remember the memorable words of the Great Hahnemann, the Founder of the System : "There are but two principal methods of cure, the one based only on accurate observation of Nature, on careful experimentation and pure experience, the *HOMŒOPATHIC* (before we never designedly used) and a second which does not do this, the *HETEROPATHIC* or *ALLOPATHIC*. Each opposes the other and he who does not know either can hold the delusion that they can never approach each other or even become united or to make himself so ridiculous as to practice at one time homœopathically, at another allopathically according to the pleasure of the patient ; a practice which may be called *CRIMINAL TREASON* against *DIVINE HOMŒOPATHY*."

In this connection I implore you to remember what Mr. Bevan, Minister of Health in Great Britain said in Parliament in 1948 to allay the fears of British Homœopaths on the eve of National Health Services : "It must be regarded as a principle of fundamental importance that their special sectarian and individual character must be preserved, because, for the people who believe in it, that in itself will be a part of the therapy and the treatment. In trying to restore people to good health, the spiritual as well as the physical aspects are of profound importance. I think I can give absolute guarantee, because otherwise it would be an emotional mutilation which no body could possibly defend."

Now let me conclude by telling you the pregnant words of Dr. H. A. Roberts, M.D., Chairman, American Foundation for Homœopathy : "Homœopathy offers a life of service to Humanity, and it is the only method of healing that surely sets the sick man and sick woman on the permanent road to recovery. We must remember that though we fail, the failure is ours ; it is not the failure of homœopathy. The best knowledge we

have of the "tools of our trade" the better use we should make of them".

I wish you will model your life in accordance with the great sayings of Dr. Roberts, and strictly preserve your distinct individuality as a practitioner of true Hahnemannian Homœopathy taught in this college and above all remember that success depends upon strict adherence to principles and not upon desultory conduct.

May God Almighty help you so act and live that the College feels proud of you. *AMEN!*

CASE REPORTS

CHRONIC TONSILLITIS

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A man of 53 had been suffering from Tonsillities since last thirty-two years. During this period he had to lie on the operation table thrice. But on the last occasion his life was saved by tracheotomy. In spite of all these surgical methods, repeated attacks every year, compelled him to find out other ways of treatment. Two years ago he came to me & told me the whole story of the past years. I got the following symptoms.

Medium built, healthy & pot-bellied. He was always cheerful & inquisitive. Father of eight children. He used abusive language and had no sense of honour. He always kept himself busy with others as a curious boy does.

All symptoms aggravate in cold weather. Throat & tongue became so sensitive that he could not eat or drink. Whatever he took was felt extremely salty. Mucous secretion from throat was immense. Bowel moved regularly. Urine was normal, appetite good. No history of miasm in him or in his family. The most peculiar symptoms were : the time of aggravation of the disease, the excessive desire for coition, childishness and irritability of mind.