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PROGRAMME OF PROPHYLAXIS IN HOMŒOPATHY

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Cholera and Small Pox have been raging vigorously in the sub-continent of India and Pakistan from time to time during the last ten years or so. Vaccination laws have been made operative not the less heroically. Legal proceedings have been drawn against many who refused Vaccination. Prophylaxis has been a branch of the Government health programme in all countries. Of course, the right to protect from disease entails the duty of co-operation with some state programme. Who can deny the basic ideas of democracy? But, democracy rests upon the doctrine of equality and justice; equality of opportunity to all, equality in the eye of law,—irrespective of all sectarian, parochial and communal considerations; justice for all on the basis of intrinsic merits of each factor. Has our State given equal consideration to the claims of homœopathy in the matter of Prophylaxis? Has our State given a patient hearing to our cause and justly evaluated our conclusions in the field of prevention?

For about 150 years homœopathy has been maintaining its claims in the field of preventive medicine. Hahnemann gave us Belladonna as the prophylactic against Scarlatina, and Nux Vomica against Siberian Influenza. Drawing upon his suggestions, we took Cinchona as the prophylactic against Paludal Malaria. Cuprum and Secale Cor. have been regarded by us as the efficacious preventives in Cholera; Malandrinum, Variolinum, Vaccininum and Sarracenia in Small Pox; Lachesis and Carbo.

An. in Plague; Arsenic, Causticum and Influenzin in 'Flu; Lachesis and Crotalus in Yellow Fever; Ars. Sul. Flav. in Malaria and Kala-azar; Typhoidinum and Pyrogen in Typhoid; Tuberculinum in Tuberculosis. But no State or Government has given our claims their due attention, their just investigation and evaluation.

Homœopathy is in the hands of a minority, that deserves much, but is granted far less than a political minority. None looks to homœopathy. None except the Homœopaths and the beneficiaries of homœopathy, e.g., the king or the common man bereft of all official ranks. It is for the Homœopaths, in cordial co-operation with the people, to plan and start a programme for the test and evaluation of their claims. The homœopath in his individual capacity has done much; all source of their claims descended from the individual, to be verified subsequently by the group he lived in. The Homœopath has been left to his own fate, but he has been the master of his own destiny. Consequently, homœopathy has infiltrated into all walks of life and traversed all planes of geography. But it is time that the Homœopaths collectively concentrate upon a concerted effort and try to prove and validate their claims. There are State Homœopathic Boards in many States of India. There is the Homœopathic State Faculty in West Bengal. They may work in their own zones or form into an inter-state organisation. Whatever their organisation, Time wants them to prove their claims. Why do not they take up a fifty-thousand programme, to inoculate homœopathically at least 50,000 people against Cholera or Small Pox? Previous permission from Governments may be obtained. Lack of funds can not stand in the way. For, what else has been the fund of homœopathy, since its birth, save and except the fund of courage, sacrifice and love for Truth?