

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS *

DR. YUDHBEER SINGH

Respected Dr. Sen, Delegates and friends,

I am really so happy today to be once again at Nowegaon on the invitation of Dr. Sen, President of the Mahakoshal Homœopathic Board. It is very kind of him and the organisers of this conference to call upon me to preside over our deliberations. It was about a year and half back I visited this place and was very much impressed with the working of this Homœopathic Institution. I left this place with a deep feeling of respect and admiration for the saintly personality of Dr. Sen, combined with the motherly affection of Srimati Sen. Nawegaon is a healthy place and this Homœopathic Hospital has become not only a health resort but a place of peace on account of the self-less services of Dr. Sen.

Gentlemen, last time when I came here, I had gone to Nagpur to address the first Convocation of the State Board of Homœopathy and Biochemistry, M.P. At that time I had the privilege of meeting two great personalities. One was the architect of Homœopathy in Madhya Pradesh a great Rishi—Dr. K. L. Daftari. I was fortunate to spend a few moments at his sanctified feet and I cannot say how precious those moments were in my life which were spent in the presence of that great personality, who was not only the leading Homœopath of this part of India but was the friend of the poor and the *Messiah* of the ailing Humanity. Since then he has left us and we are deprived of his able guidance, may God grant him eternal peace and may he from Heavens send his 'Ashirvad' to us, so that we may follow in his footsteps and try our best to be the friends of the poor in the service of God.

The other great leader whom I met, alas he too has left us recently. I cannot proceed further without paying my humble tribute to this great man Pt. Ravi Shankar Shukla, who will

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not only be remembered as a general in the struggle for freedom but who will be equally remembered as the best administrator, Mother India is proud of. We Homœopaths cannot forget him, for it was due to him that Homœopathy got officially recognised in Madhya Pradesh. In his death not only the Homœopathic of Madhya Pradesh but all the Indian Homœopaths have lost a patron and admirer of the Homœopathic Science.

Friends, you have met here today in some changed circumstances. Your state has been re-organised and now it is one of the biggest states of India comprising of more or less four former states. I should in the beginning congratulate you on your wise selection of both the chiefs. You have very wisely elected Dr. Sen in the place of Dr. Daftary, there could have been no better selection. You know more about Dr. Sen than I, and I can only say that in him you will find a leader who will steer the ship of Homœopathy quite safely in spite of ups and downs and stormy weather. Similarly you have elected Dr. K. N. Katju as your chief Minister, who is not only known for his administrative ability, integrity and statesmanship, but who himself is a lover and admirer of Homœopathy. He is a very reasonable man and has no prejudice against any pathy whatsoever. We should therefore hope for a continued patronage to our healing art, just as it had enjoyed in the time of respected Shuklajee.

Fellow Homœopaths, but I cannot congratulate you on selecting me to preside over your deliberations here today. You know I am not conversant with your local problems and am therefore quite unable to discuss them with you here. But I accepted this honour only because I knew that my respected friend Dr. Sen is here to guide you and help you out of each and every difficulty. In these days often doubts and apprehensions are expressed about the future of homœopathy and I often hear sometimes the criticism of the Government and sometimes of the step-motherly treatment moted out to Homœopaths by the Health Authorities. I may hasten to make a categorical statement that in my humble opinion, the future of Homœopathy was never so bright as it is now. You all

know that States after States are officially recognising this science and Boards are being established, educational institutions are being upgraded and Homœopathy is gradually receiving financial help. Even at the unwilling hands in certain quarters. It is therefore, unnecessary to be pessimistic about the future of Homœopathy. The future is in our own hands and we can make it brighter or darker. You all remember that Dr. Hahnemann was born in a poor family and it was the spirit of service of Humanity that brought him to the medical profession and it was the love of science that made him discover the new science of cure. His life was a life of struggle, but a continuous search after truth. I shall only say that if we continuously labour hard to practice this great healing art and practice it with a spirit of sacrifice, the future of our science is quite bright.

Gentlemen, you are all aware that it is more difficult to practice Homœopathy than any other science. It requires more study, more knowledge. *Materia Medica* and *Repertory* should be always with us and we should be master of these to successfully prescribe for an ailing patient. Therefore we should not grudge when it is said that a Homœopath should take a full course of study before entering into practice. Recently the Dave Committee, appointed by the Government of India, have published their recommendations. They have been received with mixed feelings in the Homœopathic World, but on the whole you will find that the committee has laboured hard before pinning down their recommendations. We may not totally agree with them, but no one can say that the recommendations are not well meant.

The recommendations of the Dave Committee are divided into two parts. The first is regarding the regulation of practice and the second part is regarding the standardisation of education. In the regulation of practice I shall only differ with the committee, when they ban practice of Homœopathy by unregistered practitioners. The lay practitioner has played a very important part in the spread of homœopathy. These lay practitioners all over the world have rendered relief to lacs of suffering patients from diseases acute and chronic. In many instances

such diseases have been cured which had been declared incurable by the regular practitioners. Therefore, in my humble opinion, to put a ban on Homœopathic Practice would be striking at the root of this great healing art. Even in England lay practice of Homœopathy is not banned. Of course the lay practitioner cannot claim himself to be a doctor. He cannot write himself as such and also he will not enjoy the privileges of a registered Practitioner. There should only be one register of Homœopaths as recommended by the committee—and along with the institutionally qualified persons those who have 10 years standing practice should be registered (in place of 15 years) as the period of fifteen years is too long.

When we come to standardisation of education, the recommendation of the Dave Committee are quite acceptable as regards the degree course, but in my humble opinion, there should be along with degree course a diploma course of three years including a period of practical training and the admission to this diploma course should be open to Matriculates with science subjects. With these amendments I shall have no objections in accepting the recommendations of the Dave Committee, with regard to the standardisation of education. I hope, while considering these recommendations, the Government of India shall keep in mind the above suggestions.

I have gone through the scheme prepared by Dr. Sen, for the establishment of a degree College and an University at Nawegaon. The scheme is commendable and with such modifications as may be made after due consideration, I shall request the Government of Madhya Pradesh to accept the scheme and establish a College in this healthy atmosphere. Madhya Pradesh has the privilege of leading in establishing a Homœopathic College under the State Board of Homœopathy and so should it be in establishing a degree College here. This place will not only be suited for the students' Under-Graduate training, but if the existing hospital is upgraded, it will become a suitable place for Post-Graduate Training and research work in Homœopathy, which is so badly needed.

Recently so many Indian Drugs have been introduced in our Materia Medica, the provings and reprovings of these drugs

are needed again and again. It is in such Hospitals that we can show results. It is here that we can show that a dose of Arsenic 200 and Natrum Mur 1000 can cure Malaria and Malarial Parasites are killed without Quinine or Atabrine. It is in such instances that the superiority of Homœopathy over palliative treatment can be un-equivocally established. I hope, friends, that before long our those hopes will be realised and you will have a first class hospital and College in this place which owes so much importance to the selfless services and sacrifice of its founder, Dr. Sen.

I shall like to warn my fellow Homœopaths against a spirit of criticism or antagonism against other medical sciences. Gentlemen, it is an age of co-existence and in all fields of life, whether it be political, religious, scientific or medical, every science and every thought has to live and let live. The medical science is not merely like the science of Mathematics or Algebra, but it is an art and as such requires not only knowledge but experience, and experience of years and years to be a master of the healing art. Let others say whatever labour hard to serve the ailing humanity with this great healing they like with regard to us, and we should not retaliate but art discovered by the great Master, Hahnemann.

You know truth prevails and if we follow truth, we will prevail, there is no doubt. The sick who is suffering will come to you, if you can render him relief. I need not say that the modern method of treatment has become too costly and too complicated. People are sick of it and they will welcome us if we can render them help and cure their disease quickly, rationally and by simple means. Homœopathy is a system of helping Nature to cure the disease and if we will follow the methods of nature, we will succeed, no doubt. I need not dilate upon the efficacy of Homœopathy before an audience of Homœopaths, but I shall like to impress upon you that we should have faith and firm belief in the principles which we follow. Sometimes we fail because of the lack of faith needed.

In the end I shall draw your attention towards the organisational side of Homœopathy. We should have no complex, we should unite under one Association and strengthen our orga-

nisation. Everybody knows that united we stand and divided we fall. Madhya Pradesh has become one of the biggest states of India and therefore we may have regional associations but all of them should be united under one State Association, which can speak on behalf of the Homœopaths of the State.

Friends, some times we are jeered and laughed at by our Allopathic friends, only because we have no single organisation of our own, and we are divided into so many. I hope that under the able guidance of Dr. Sen, you will unite yourself under one state association and will from time to time evolve methods, ways and means to promote and enhance the cause and prestige of Homœopathy. May God grant us success in our efforts to serve Humanity with this healing art of Homœopathy. I thank you, Gentlemen, again for the indulgence shown to me.

CANCER OF TONGUE

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(Translated by S. W. S.)

Alumen : Dry tongue (also black) with burning pains evenings; sour taste; stitches toward tip; scirrhus. Inclination to hardening around infiltrated spots. Cancerous infiltration of glands; intolerable pain.

Apis : Swelling, induration with stitches and burning pains. Tongue dry, inflamed making swallowing difficult. Ulceration (especially on left edge). Fissures or vesicles.

Arsenicum : Thickened edges, white coating, red in middle and toward tip. Or the tongue has a whitish, yellow-white or brown coating with red edges, as if painted thick white. Ulceration of anterior part of edges, purple. *Arsenicum* has cured lip cancer, and suits exactly the cancer diathesis. If the subjective symptoms are present, higher potencies should be chosen; otherwise the lower potencies are preferable.