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PURITY OF HOMŒOPATHY

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Hahnemann laboured hard to preserve the purity and integrity of Homœopathy. The sum total of Homœopathy is : the Law of Similars, the single remedy, the smallest dose and the theory of Chronic Diseases, which he would never allow to be violated. He had to chastise his disciples often for laxity in acceptance and observance of the concepts and above rules, and warn them at every step against the allo—homœopaths, the real enemies of Homœopathy, whom he called the '*mongrel sect*'. The same black trends have been darkening the silvery purity of homœopathy and undermining its solidarity since Hahnemann's days. Days have changed, but the old problems in innumerable new garbs are confronting us. We are up against an inhuman task, which is hard to discharge, but is essential for the integrity of our group and purity of our science.

In the past, our leaders had been confronted with the evil practices of administering quinine for Malaria and morphine for pains, as instances of the violation of the Law of Similars. One of Hahnemann's disciples, Dr. Aegedi of Austria, whom he had saved from life long infirmity, with a few doses of Sulphur 30, paid Hahnemann back by his attempt at Polypharmacy,—violating the rule of the single remedy, which even Hahnemann was about to accept and introduce in the 5th Edition of the Organon. Many of Hahnemann's followers applied large doses and treated many internal diseases externally. So was the necessity of introducing some long notes and paragraphs about

lovelier child than whom I have yet to see. The son of a Bengali colleague, he contracted Nephritis after an attack of Pneumonia and died the other day after five months of Agony. The Hospital Staff had gone all out to save him, displaying a rare combination of science and humanity. Whenever it seemed that allopathy could do little, they allowed the parents to get in touch with a famous homœopath in Calcutta, but even such inter-continental consultations could not do much to save the child. The local homœopaths have not the confidence and the competence with which we are familiar in India. They can not dictate the diet or even stop administration of allopathic drugs along with homœopathy. Their clinics are crowded, no doubt, but they themselves confess that children seldom come to them for treatment. What struck me most about homœopaths in the land of Sputniks is that they are diffident and on the defensive."

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Often we hear a common plea that, since in some diseased states, for instance in Cancer, Tuberculosis etc., Homœopathy has very little to offer, we should most reasonably resort to allopathic and other methods there. Supposing that there are deficiencies in the homœopathic system concerning these and such other subjects, it seems not logical even to fall back upon Allopathy, to which it is contrarily related in principle. Homœopathy is based upon a Law and within its own sphere it admits of limitless extension and application. The Law of Similars is inviolable, and is wide and flexible enough to include within it any simple remedy that mother earth can offer. The urgent need is for provings and reprovings on the Hahnemannian lines. What need and honour are there in blending homœopathy into a mixture of pathies, or borrowing methods and principles from other sources when it itself is rich enough to lend ?
