

## DISEASE IS DIS-EASE

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Now let us have a look at our well-known axiom that disease is *dis-ease*. Homœopathy teaches that there are no diseases but only sick people to be cured. In the light of this reasoning let us look for a moment at a common condition like diabetes, where the discovery of insulin by the dominant school has saved many millions of lives.

Lately, however the Germans have put on the market Rastinon, a sulphonamide with a methyl group in place of the paramino group, and this substance can be given to diabetics by mouth in place of insulin by injection. Now orthodox medicine has always believed that diabetes was caused by a deficiency in the cells of the Islets of Langerhans—a failure to secrete insulin, but the giving of Rastinon does not increase the flow of insulin, but merely adjust the hormone balance.

Professor Ferdinand Hoff of the University of Frankfurt, wrote a paper in 1938 when he postulated that diabetes represented a disturbance in the balance between two antagonistic systems. He postulated a balance between an insulin system, insulin and the para-sympathetic, and a contra-insulin system which took in the pituitary, the adrenals, the thyroid and sympathetic.

As far as I can discover, all that has happened since then is that glucagon, the hyperglycæmic glycogenolytic factor present in the  $\alpha$  cells of the pancreas, has been added to the contra-insulin system. The dozens of steroids discovered since then from the cortex of the adrenals merely complicates the picture and, in my opinion, the mechanism of the action of the oral anti-diabetic drugs can never be properly understood by our profession until we accept the homœopathic axiom that disease is disharmony and not a label to attach to an illness.

Lord Cohen of Birkenhead came near to the matter when he wrote in the *Sunday Times* of July 14th, 1957: "The two dominant and inter-related trends in the medicine of the 19th

and 20th centuries have been increasing specialization and the application of the instruments of the basic sciences, physics, chemistry and biology to the investigation of disease. This has led over a wide field to an impersonalization of medicine in which there has been the risk of the disease being regarded as more important than the patient."

No homœopath will ever fall into the error of putting the disease before the patient for one of the principal axioms of Homœopathy is that we have to treat the individual and not the disease.

Homœopaths do not think of humans as one thinks of hens, to be fed with handfuls of anything that happens to be handy, as is the present habit in modern medicine.

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