

symptoms point to biochemic remedies. It may be mixopathy but surely I find good results from this procedure.

15. I would like to know from Dr. Daftary or some other Biochemic physician if any special medicinal powers developed by different combinations of biochemic remedies. The indications of such combinations may help us in difficult or special circumstances. Moreover a treatise on Asthma, Renal Calculus, Leucoderma, eczemas, Filaria, Gout, Rheumatism, Tuberculosis and paralytic diseases completely cured by Biochemic remedies would do immense good to all Homœopaths and Biochemic physicians.

HOMŒOPATHY—ITS MINUTE DOSE

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It is an irony of fate that homœopathy, which is the true healing art and is based on the divine law of Cure, should have made such a little headway in India. It appears to me that the reasons why homœopathy has not been more popular are that, on the one hand having no state support it is not in competent hands, and on the other people generally prefer a speedy allopathic suppression to a delayed homœopathic cure because they, in their ignorance, think that suppression and cure are synonymous. Besides, they cannot bring themselves to believe that so minute a dose which homœopathy generally prescribes can ever work in this large human frame curatively or otherwise. And this idea has been strengthened by the common belief, which is absolutely wrong, that homœopathic doses cannot injure if they cannot cure.

This ignorance on the question of minuteness of dose cannot be removed unless people understand what disease is and how it is caused.

For homœopathic purposes it is enough to know that man consists of Soul, Vital Force which is a connecting link between soul and body and the body (including the mind). Soul being potentially divine lacks the susceptibility to disease. Body is affected by disease, but not primarily. It is the Vital Force which is primarily deranged by disease. The vital force communicates the disease to the mind which, in its turn, when overburdened, transfers it to the body and this results in structural changes in organs in due course. So it will be seen that the disease begins in the Vital Force, affects the mind thereafter and the body last. The natural course of disease is from finer organs to coarser organs. Homœopathically disease is, therefore, defined as a derangement of the Vital Force expressed by the totality of symptoms.

It must be remembered that the homœopathic idea is not the same as the allopathic idea of disease. From the old school point of view there is no disease unless there is a change in the structure of organs which can be felt by the fingers or seen by the eyes or known through the scientific instruments designed for the purpose. From the homœopathic point of view disease begins in the interior in the Vital Force and is discernible by morbid signs and symptoms long before that internal disease is reflected on the coarse human body producing organic changes. So what the allopaths call disease, is recognized by the Homœopaths as the result of disease.

From the above it will be clear that, so far as the therapeutic point of view is concerned, valuable time is lost by the allopaths because they do not recognise the disease before the organic changes take place. It is better if they allow it to take its course undisturbed, but more often than not they make diseases intractable and sometimes incurable by giving drastic medicines not related to the case because of the lack of diagnosis. Diagnosis is only possible when the disease has resulted in structural changes and those systems of medicine which are helpless for want of a

diagnosis must, of necessity, do nothing by way of medicine unless structural changes appear, or if they do something it is like shooting in the dark. Can any one say that God can be so unkind as not to allow His men to know the disease as soon as it enters into the human body? If the cry of the Vital Force for the remedy it needs through the symptoms it produces in the organism is not heeded, it indicates the bankruptcy of the human mind in this direction.

Having known what disease is, it is proper for us to understand how it is caused. It is easy to grasp that the spiritual Vital Force can only be deranged by the dynamic influence upon it of a morbid agent inimical to life. So the disease causes must be spiritlike too and hence invisible. That disease causes are invisible is proved by the fact that a child with small pox or measles infects an untouched healthy child at a distance without anything material from the infected child going to the one to be infected.

Having now understood what the homœopathic idea of disease is and how it is caused, we can very easily understand why the dose of homœopathic remedies given to cure the disease is so minute. "As the spirit-like Vital Force cannot be deranged except in a spirit-like (dynamic) way, in like manner it cannot be restored to health in any other way than by the spirit-like (dynamic) force of serviceable medicines acting upon the spirit-like Vital Force."

For this purpose the transformation of material drugs into spiritual drugs, as it were, was brought about by Hahnemann by a process of potentization (homœopathic potencies 30, 200, 1000 etc.) which increases the power of the medicine by decreasing its quantity so as to put the healing force of the medicine on the same plane as the dynamic cause of disease.

People should never forget that all organic defects, however dreadful, such as structural changes in the lungs in T.B., organic changes in the kidneys in Brights disease,

structural abnormality in the liver in Cirrhosis of the liver, are nothing but the effect of the derangement of the spirit-like Vital Force, as this knowledge is essential to understand the smallness of the homœopathic dose of medicine which is administered not with an eye to disease results, but with a view to restoring the deranged Vital Force to its original healthy state. And the Vital Force having been restored to health sets up such an order in the system that dreadful pathological abnormalities are removed and complete health prevails. So tumours are resolved, Brights disease cured, diabetes, T.B. Cancer, leprosy and other results of disease disappear. This is the magic of the minute dose of the homœopathic medicine.

A PEEP INTO THE LIFE OF DR. RAM PRASAD VERMA

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Dr. Ram Prasad Verma, a true follower of Hahnemannian Philosophy and art of healing was born in the year 1890 at Patna City. His father was an ordinary cultivator. When a child he was sent to a Moulvi for primary education. When he gained some knowledge in Urdu and Persian he was admitted to a local High English School, from where he passed the Entrance Examination in the year 1909. After that he was admitted to the local Medical School, but after three years he had to leave that school due to some domestic troubles and to take up some private business, which he also gave up as he ran a loss. He then became a School teacher and began his private studies in Homœopathy. He passed the Homœopathic Medical Examination from the Bihar Homœopathic College in the year 1918 and was placed in the First Division. At that time Dr. Saffadar Hussain L.M.S. was the Principal of that