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PROVE AND REPROVE SHOULD BE OUR MOTTO

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Hypertension, Coronary disease, Cancer and Tuberculosis are the highlights of the present-day medical talk. Hypertension and Coronary disease are steadily on the increase, and their mortality rate is mounting, despite some improvement in the modern dominant therapy. No prophylactic method has been found to be effective. Cancer research is consuming tremendous financial fuel all over the globe, and the drain upon the public and private exchequer is staggering, though the result varies from indifference to nil. Effects of Tuberculosis have been reduced to some extent, the height of sufferings diminished, their duration shortened, but curability has not been sighted. Those that are supposed to have been cured, remain potential carriers of mutation strains of bacillus, which the most up-to-date antibiotics fail to cope with. So, hypertension, Coronary disease, Tuberculosis and Cancer,—the four states of malignancy in the human organism, have remained a problem as before. Nay, their impact has been intensified.

The purest part of the human organism is blood. It is most neatly, safely and cautiously protected against all contamination. It is the basic food of the organism. But drugs administered parenterally pollute the blood-stream many times in a man's life. Their effects in the chemical, physical and biochemical level may remain untraced within a specified time. But chemistry, biochemistry and physiology merge into a phase where biology, biophysics and psychology emerge, and the test-

tube and its accessories turn utterly useless. What is untraceable in the chemical and physical level may produce tremendous results in the biological, biophysical and psychological, which constitute the basic pattern of human activities. When bloodstream is polluted, the results can be benign.

Food is usually unwholesome and adulterated. Unscrupulous commercial dealings of food have often deprived it of its normal values. Food is poison many times. The normal resilient tolerance level of the organism is thus breached and toxicity multiplies. Malnutrition, malfunction and malformation are the result.

Our society is a society of continuous stress and strain. All is in a hurry. 'Rest' and 'peace' are the words of by-gone days. Continuous states of anxiety, uncertainty, fear, depression and irritability dominate the private as well as the public life. Personality is split, harmony of life, mind and body is disturbed. Health is disintegrated; the sense of well-being is lost. A field for malignancy is prepared.

What is required of medicine is a new approach to the problem, a reorientation of the outlook. There are signs that the dominant school is awakening from its slumber and is awakening to the necessity of thinking anew. Psyche and Soma have undergone considerable change through the ages of fluctuation and vicissitude. Flora and fauna have followed the same path. Bacteria, bacilli and viruses have undergone mutation. There have been changes in the pattern of composition and behaviour of the soil and the seed,—the human organism and the pathogenetic agent. So, what is required of homœopathy is not only an assessment of the situation, an evaluation of the circumstances, but an adaptation of its old tools and discovery of new ones to cope with the problem. The essence of homœopathy is not thinking but doing. Homœopathy is more an art than a science. We are to reprove our own medicines in the present context, and try hard to discover new ones to complement our powers and activities, and remove our shortcomings. "Prove and reprove"—be your motto.

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