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HEART'S CRAVING FOR UNITY AMONG HOMŌEOPATHS HAS BECOME ASSERTIVE IN INDIA TO-DAY

Urge for unity is no new trend in Homœopathic Society. This urge is one of the basic trends of human life, as man is by nature a social animal. But opposing this natural and congenial urge there are certain deleterious tendencies, viz.—dogmatism in view points, hypersensitiveness of temperament, narrowness of outlook, egotism, personal ambition and interests, ignorance, callousness, etc., etc. These latter trends have all along foiled any attempt for unity in the Homœopathic Society. But now, with the gradually increasing maturity of consciousness of the Homœopathic Society in India, and especially impelled by the social, economic and political pressure of the age, the Homœopaths in general, and particularly the intelligent and conscientious section of the society have started to feel the irrationality and deleteriousness of the latter trends. They have started to feel and realise that dogmatism has no place in an erudite society, especially in a society of scientists, that no view or outlook can be cent per cent correct, that perfection cannot be achieved by suppressing opposing views, but rather by the process of *synthesis of conflicts*, i.e. by

encouraging opposing views to their fullest development while, all the time, assimilating the irrefutable truths generating from these conflicts. They have also started to realise that self-interests or ambitions cannot be achieved by selfishness and narrowness of outlook, rather that these tendencies are the most potent means of ruining all including one's ownself, that the best way of achieving one's own interests is by attaining and enhancing collective interests. We are all lying under one mosquito curtain. None of us can avoid mosquito bites by tugging too much only his own side of the net while totally neglecting the other sides.

These realisations impelled the Homœopaths from all corners of West Bengal to throng at Purulia—one of the extreme border districts of the State, while a fatal cold wave was raging all over India in December 1961, to join the First historical conference of all sections of Homœopaths of West Bengal, having different views, outlooks, grades and camps, under the Presidentship of our old venerable Dr. Yudhvir Singh. In this conference, not only a salutary resolution of unity was passed, but actually a committee was formed by the name of W. B. Homœopathic Co-ordination Committee, which would strive by all means to build up a solid unified platform of all bonafide Homœopaths of the State, belonging to whatsoever grade, creed or camp. This committee in full one year's strenuous effort was able to unify 36 Homœopathic Associations of West Bengal, under the auspices of whom the Second conference was held in Calcutta in December 1962. And at this conference the West Bengal State Homœopathic Federation was formally and actually formed, with doors wide open for those few who were still remaining outside. Since then not only these 36 Associations are moving in one front, but also Homœopaths of new localities and regions are becoming organised. Thus two more Associations (one on District basis and one on local basis) have been formed and added to the Federation, and many more are in the formative stage.

The Third conference held at Krishnagar in last December under the aegis of the W. B. S. H. Federation marked further progress in the process of real unity—as this conference was

not only organised by the 38 affiliated Associations of the Federation, but actually participated by vast masses of Homœopaths who have not yet been able to form any Association, as well as by the leaders of various Association who had not yet joined the Federation. It shows that no Homœopath in West Bengal will remain unorganized and no organisation in the State will be able to remain outside the strong current of Unity.

At present this strong trend of Unity is not confined within the limits of the State of W. Bengal, but gradually pervading all over India. The basic tune of any Homœopathic Conference, recently held anywhere in India is the *Cry for Unity*. This trend and spirit were most clearly manifested by the All India Homœopathic Medical Conference held in November last, at Puri, where not only a resolution was passed for arranging for the formation of a United Platform for all the different Associations in India, but also a Committee was formed under the leadership of Dr. Yudhvîr Singh, to put this resolution to effect as early as possible.

Thus it can be clearly perceived that the natural craving of the heart of Indian Homœopaths for an all pervading Unity in becoming manifestly assertive to-day. How quickly it can be achieved depends only upon how quickly the Homœopathic Leaders can shake off their personal prejudices and pessimism, and how quickly they can place the collective interest of Homœopathy and Homœopaths above their personal interest and careerism.

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