

HOMŒOPATHIC MIXTURE AND INJECTIONS

The following letter has been sent to the Editors of various daily papers of Calcutta (in abridged form), as well as Homœopathic Journals of India.

Most of the popular daily papers of Calcutta of dates 27th, 28th and 31st July published a statement of Dr. S. Seal. We, in the interest of Homœopathy, feel duty-bound to make some protest against some parts of the statement.

(1) Dr. Seal is said to have remarked that he is not in favour of following the old methods of Homœopathy, but considers mixtures and injections more useful.

But, the "old methods" of Homœopathy are based on some fundamental principles. If any method wants to avoid those fundamental principles, that method may be named anything other than Homœopathy. The fundamental principles concerned are as follows:—

(a) The basic stand of Homœopathy, from which it derives its name, is that—the remedy that has similarity of the *Maximum* degree, to the totality of the symptoms of the case in hand—i.e. the *similimum*, will cure the case. It is an easy point of logic that there cannot be more than one similar-most at a time for any condition.

Of course, the different isolated symptoms of the case may point to some different remedies. But the use of these partial remedies far from curing the case, only palliates the symptoms and disturbs the total picture making the selection of the curative remedy difficult.

(b) Homœopathic remedy does not act directly, but indirectly through the vital energy. But vital energy is unitary—it pervades and controls all the activities of body, mind and soul as an integral force. If one goes to excite this unitary energy with multiple stimuli at a time, those stimuli are more likely to bring in further disorder, instead of regular order in the activities of the vital force. Apart from this theoretical consideration, actual experience of any

true homœopath is that it is far easier to bring into order the activities of the vital force disturbed by disease, than when it is disturbed by drugs especially mixture of drugs.

(c) The action of homœopathic remedy is based on energy, and its force is propagated through nerves, any contact of the really homœopathic remedy with nerve-endings anywhere, starts immediate action; and as its action is not material (i.e. physical, chemical or physiological) it has no problem of absorption or excretion and its propagation does not require any medium of blood or body fluids. Hence any attempt to enhance its action by the method of injection is equally unreasonable as any attempt to enhance the action of an electric force applied anywhere by means of a hammer.

(2) The statement that diseases like Diabetes, Rheumatism, Cancer, Tumour, Ricketes, Filaria, etc., are curable by Homœopathy is nothing new. The fact that the cases of this type, when rejected by all other systems of medicine get cured, in most cases by pure homœopathic treatment will be corroborated by any true homœopath as well as his patients. But some of these cases, for various reasons are incurable by any system of medicine; what can be done in such cases is only palliation. But causing that palliation by any method other than homœopathic, and vaunting that as a homœopathic method is to say the least unreasonable and misleading, if not beguiling.

(3) Dr. Seal has introduced himself as the "President" of the "Indian Homœopathic Research Association", and claims to be engaged in research work. But anybody perusing the publications of this so-called Association will see that, the centre of the "Association", i.e. the "President" himself is engaged in the only task of managing a workshop for manufacturing the mixtures (i.e. patents) and injections (formulae of most of which are never published), and the task of the so-called members is to play the role of buyers of the products of the central workshop. Anybody is to realise of what sort of Association or of what sort of research work this is.

We have no objection if Dr. Seal wants to give any name to his products other than a poor imitation of Allopathy, what we pray for is that, let him spare the name of Homœopathy. On the other hand, if he is serious about truly homœopathic research there

is no dearth of problems in homœopathic science and practice, let him start research works on those problems, and we assure him of our wholehearted co-operation in that matter.

(4) Dr. Seal has resented against the Central Government's proposed amendments to the Drug Rules to exclude "parenteral administration" of homœopathic medicines from its purview. We, on behalf of the whole Homœopathic Society, on the other hand, highly congratulate the Central Government for their attempts to provide for free scope of progress to Homœopathy, Ayurveda and Allopathy on their own respective intrinsic merit. We further congratulate the India Government for not blindly following the path of countries like Germany, U.S.A., etc., and for taking lessons from the pitiable disaster suffered by Homœopathy in those countries due to wrong policies. Of course, how far this reasonable and salutary attempt on the part of the Central Government will be successful depends mainly on us—how far we shall be able to win over the backward section of Homœopathic Society from the influence of Dr. Seal.

(5) Dr. Seal has grumbled that many people will become unemployed if the decision of the Central Government is not changed. There is no help if some people get unemployed by the elimination of black market. But we can give one advice to Dr. Seal, for rehabilitating his unemployed people, even we can cooperate with him, if he takes this advice. Dr. Seal should stop the vulgarization of Homœopathy, and give some new name to his method—"Dr. Seal's method," "Mixopathy," "Heteropathy" or any other name suiting his choice, and then move the Government for recognition of his system, then the problem of unemployment of his people as well himself will be easily solved.

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