

INTEREST IN HOMŒOPATHY

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I have the privilege of paying my tribute to Pt. Motilalji as a great lover and prescriber of Homœopathy. Very few people in this country and abroad are aware of this fact that this great man versatile genius, cosmopolitan views and scientific outlook had also a soft corner for Homœopathy.

Pt. Motilalji was a chronic sufferer of Asthma and had to take numerous medicines in vogue in those days for controlling this disease. Some of his friends suggested Homœopathic treatment but he refused to take it in the earlier part of his life. When he was 48, he happened to go to Europe. One of his intimate friends Pt. Prithi Nath Chak sent to him a cable at Berlin suggesting him to consult some renowned homœopaths of Germany. Panditji however did not consult them. On his return, he learnt that his friend Pt. Chak was seriously ill and had gone to Calcutta for the treatment by Dr. S. K. Nag—a homœopathic physician there. Pt. Motilal also rushed to Calcutta and was prevailed upon to undergo homœopathic treatment for his Asthma. With some diffidence, Panditji took a dose of homœopathic medicine from Dr. Nag. After this wonderful dose all his asthmatic troubles disappeared and he did not get any attack for one year. Panditji was so much impressed by his miraculous cure that all his prejudice and opposition turned into advocacy and appreciation for Homœopathy. He purchased a huge library of homœopathic literature and bought a large number of homœopathic medicines from U.S.A. Being an unprejudiced observer he began experimenting on the truth behind the dose and the rational laws advocated by Dr. Hahnemann, the Founder of Homœopathy, and his numerous followers in America, India, Europe and Russia. He prescribed homœopathic medicines to his numerous patients among relations, friends and others and found the good effects of the tiny pills. He got prepared a beautiful medicine chest which he designed himself and arranged thousands of homœopathic medi-

cines in it. He used to assert that Homœopathy is the most scientific system of medicine in the world. He said if he could get enough time and opportunity he could cure all diseases that human flesh is heir to. The scientific principles on which Homœopathy is based were so accurate that any intelligent person could prescribe medicine on their basis and cure the patients although he might not have been trained regularly. As 2 into 2 would make 4, so also Homœopathic symptoms of a medicine could correspond to the symptoms of the patient and thus could cure him. Although he was not a regular homœopathic practitioner, he cured and treated numerous people suffering from various troubles. Whenever he was in difficulty in treating a particular patient he used to consult Dr. B. K. Bose of Benaras, and Dr. S. K. Nag and Dr. W. Younan of Calcutta. During his travels he used to carry his medicine chest and Homœopathic *Materia Medica*.

I had not the privilege of meeting this one of the greatest men of his generation. Yet I have heard all the above facts from some of his close relations and friends particularly from Shri Brijlal Nehru. I have now the rare opportunity of paying a tribute on behalf of many lakhs of homœopaths of India.

After his death the huge Homœopathic library was donated to the Allahabad University. Motilal Nehru Society constructed a huge homœopathic hospital at Lucknow. This was inaugurated by Shrimati Indira Gandhi a few years back, where 400 to 500 patients are treated every day.

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