

## **A LEGACY OF HAHNEMANN—THE KEY TO SYNTHESIS**

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### **Nature's Revelaton :**

Homœopathy runs like a red-line thread through all other systems of healing diseases. Recognition of this fact will form the basis of synthesis of medical systems. It is a wishful thinking that synthesis will be brought about by some prodigy yet to be born. It is not impossible that some master mind, in which opposites meet, will some day develop an integrated system of therapy assigning each system its own legitimate place and function as a necessary limb of an organised complex whole utilising the best assets of every form of treatment. Meanwhile the world cannot wait in the hope of such visionary cold comfort. Let us not miss the key to synthesis that has already been revealed to us in the course of evolution ; we must not forget that it was the evolutionary urge of Nature that used Hahnemann as a mere instrument. It does not behove us to spurn the holy gifts of benevolent Nature. Homœopathy has come to humanity as a boon from the almighty Divine in response to a sincere aspiration, unstinted diligence and ungrudging self-denial of its founder.

### **Gift of God :**

Hahnemann observed: "I rejoice at the benefit it has already conferred on humanity, and look forward with intense pleasure to the not distant time when, though I shall be no longer here below, a future generation of mankind will do justice to this gift of a Gracious God, and will thankfully avail themselves of the blessed means He has provided for the alleviation of their bodily and mental sufferings".

### **No Monopoly of Truth :**

It must be admitted in all fairness that no single system of treatment has the monopoly of truth. No system can or should

claim to perform everything. Homœopathy is almost powerless when the patient lacks vitality, or when his body is loaded with too much of foreign matter. Naturopathy can eliminate toxic matter from the body but cannot prevent its further formations; it is quite powerless to stop auto-toxin, which nature usually eliminates through acute diseases; but can keep the body in good order by daily elimination of toxic matter.

**Supreme Naturopathy :**

In a sense, Homœopathy is indeed the supreme form of Naturopathy, inasmuch as the homœopathic cure is effected through the curative power already existing in the living body, having been freed from its derangement with a remedy that the body-nature herself demands through her mute, yet eloquent language of similar symptom-complex.

**Value of Rejuvenation :**

Ayurveda is renowned for its power of causing rejuvenescence; but of what avail is that rejuvenation, that could last for over a decade, only to melt away later, because the root of the disease was left uneradicated! After the radical cure was achieved through the right type of homœopathic treatment the body was able to nourish itself and put on flesh by eating usual, wholesome food alone. In rachitis the deficiency does not reside in the food, but in the organic weakness for assimilating calcium or silicum; the indicated drug in potencies can restore the power of assimilation. It is silly to find fault with articles of food instead of looking for the defect lying deep in the body itself. On the other hand Burnett says that thousands upon thousands cases of consumption were cured by feeding alone. Dr. Burnett could cure a case of consumption with his famous Bacillinum only after the patient had, as instructed, added "18 or 20 lbs. to her bulk" with food and digestives.

**Importance of Time-Honoured Allopathy :**

Allopathy is often called for in cases of emergency to check some dangerous crisis, when it is precarious to depend on an uncertain Homœopathic remedy; the evil of suppression may

be rectified as best as possible later with constitutional remedies. Until men of acumen, the elite of human society devote themselves to Homœopathy, so as to avoid the slur of 'lack of knowledge,' which Hahnemann considers 'unpardonable' on the part of a Homœopath, and to avoid incurring more than one failure in 10,000 cases, Allopathy must not be disdained.

**Branches of Disease :**

When Hahnemann had dusted the faces of his two little sons with Hepar sulphuris powder, for some superficial skin trouble, he had willy nilly followed Hippocrates, who enjoined that branches of diseases should be treated by their contraries while the root-diseases by their similars. One can hardly support Hahnemann when he says: "He who does not walk on exactly the same line with me, who diverges, if it be but the breadth of a straw, to the right or the left, is an apostate and a traitor, and with him I will have nothing to do."

**Rules are Inadequate ; Schuessler's Salts :**

This attitude may have its justification in some particular context. We appreciate his teaching: "Imitate me, but imitate well." Many eminent Homœopaths got superior results only when they strictly followed Hahnemann and did not repeat a dose so long as amelioration lasted. But we are told that "Dr. Gross having lost his child wrote to Hahnemann that Homœopathy did not suffice in every case; this gave great offence to Hahnemann, who never forgave Gross for this remark and never afterwards restored him to his favour." (Dudgeon) Here Hahnemann seems to have betrayed his human weakness. 'A good Homœopath must not be a fanatic.' Allopathic remedies that chemically act on tissues and thereby stimulate them or paralyse them, can give us service when the functions are temporarily over-excited or paralysed; they cannot probe into the vital sphere and are not suited for chronic diseases. Homœopathy is not meant for treating isolated symptoms. The tendency of Homœopaths to treat symptoms instead of treating the patient as a whole is apt to bring discredit on Homœopathy. If a Homœopath needs polypharmacy let him employ the 12

tissue salts of Schüssler, who had first named his system. "Abridged Homœopathy". These salts are non-poisonous, easy to select, act quickly in low potencies, are efficacious in 5 to 10 grains as the adult dose, or even in 1 grain of the mixture of any number of these salts dissolved in water, the quantity being immaterial, make up the waste to which living beings are naturally prone, need no strict individualisation like Homœopathy are rather fit for universal application and enjoy freedom from too many restrictions, but can by no means achieve what a single dose of homœopathic high potency can sometimes do. Dr. Kent had once travelled thousand miles to place a dose of zincum on the tongue of a paralysed woman, in less than sixty seconds the effect was felt, in six weeks the paralysis left her.

**For the Epicure :**

Yunani system of medicine seems to be suitable to the epicure. In short every system has its charm and usefulness.

**Excellence of Homœopathy the Key to Synthesis :**

Like every other system Homœopathy also has its own speciality. As to the excellence of homœopathy, that is likely to provide the key to synthesis, Dr. Hahnemann says: "*No physician ever effected a permanent cure of an inveterate disease unless some drug of predominant Homœopathic effect had by chance been embodied in his prescription*". (*Organon*, § 61). He further emphasises that correct observation is sure to reveal that alleviation produced by antipathic administration of medicine is followed by aggravation, consequently the process should be reversed; homœopathic application of medicines that tend to cause aggravation would bring about a lasting and perfect cure.

**Practice of Unconscious Homœopathy :**

He ransacked the *Materia Medica* of his time, in different languages and found that specific cures were effected by drugs which produced similar symptoms in healthy human beings. In the second part to the Introduction of '*Organon*', which has

been omitted from the fifth edition, "he quotes nearly 250 examples of unconscious homœopathy and supports them by documentary evidence of about 400 (404) physicians". He has most carefully indicated the sources of these cases by foot-notes in the second, third and fourth editions. As to the object of citing these examples he says: "I shall give here some examples of these homœopathic cures, which derive an undeniable significance through the newly discovered and flourishing homœopathy, but are not needed to support the latter, because it stands firm without any aid from without." Homœopathy, he says elsewhere, "is firmly established by its own intrinsic merits, but (I give these examples) in order to avoid the imputation of having suppressed these foreshadowings with the view of claiming for myself the priority of the idea," "to show that the art of curing homœopathically might have been discovered before my time."

**At Times Big Doses do not Harm :**

As minimum doses have become almost synonymous with Homœopathy, while those used in unconscious homœopathic cures must have been substantial, he removes the probable doubt of his readers: "If in the cases which will be cited here the dose of medicine exceeded those that the safe homœopathic system prescribes, they were of course, very naturally attended with the danger which is to be anticipated from *large doses* of homœopathic remedies. However, it often happens, from various causes which cannot be always discovered, that even very large doses of homœopathic medicines effect a cure, without doing any particular harm. . . ."

**First Example :**

The first example is found in the treatise on epidemic diseases attributed to Hippocrates, the author describes at the commencement of lib. 5., how a man at Athens got cured by drinking juice of *white hellebore* [Veratum album], which has been noticed to have excited cholera by doctors like Forestus, Ledelius, Reimann and several others.

**Skeleton List :**

Those interested in Synthesis will have some curiosity to know at least some of those drugs with which some allopaths happened to cure while others noticed to have caused certain ailments. Here is a skeleton list: (1) *Achillæa millefolium* in hæmorrhages; (2) Aconite in pains of limbs and joints; (3) *Agaricus* in epilepsy; (4) Anise-seed in flatulent colic; (5) *Arnica* in contusions; (6) Arsenic in cancer, plague buboes, carbuncle, ague, angina pectoris; (7) *Belladonna* in hydrophobia, insanity, amaurosis; (8) Camphor in low nervous fevers and influenza; (9) *Cantharides* in strangury and gonorrhoea; (10) *Cinchona* in gastralgia, vomiting, diarrhoea, syncope, jaundice, depression of vital powers, indigestion, anaemia; (11) *clematis* in cutaneous disease in a syphilitic; (12) *Colchicum* in dropsy and asthma; (13) *Conium* in asthma, whooping cough, dysuria, amaurosis; (14) Cow-pox in small pox; (15) *Cuprum* in epilepsy; (16) *Dic-tamnus* in leucorrhoea; (17) *Dulcamara* in diseases from chill, convulsions, eczema; (18) Electricity in ague, convulsion, sciatica, ophthalmia, varices; (19) *Euphorbia* in dropsy, swelling of the whole body; (20) *Euphrasia* in lippitudo, ophthalmia, inflammation of the eye; (21) Hot baths in fever and inflammation of the brain, encephalitis; (22) *Hyoscyamus* in epilepsy, agrypnia, vertigo (of twenty years), jealousy and mania, spasmodic closure of the eyelids, spasmodic constriction of the throat with inability to swallow; (23) *Ignatia* in convulsions; (24) *Ipecacuanha* in hæmorrhages, spasmodic asthma, diarrhoea; (25) *Jalapa* in colic; (26) Mercury in inflammation of mouth, imbecility, salivation, sore-throat, apthae, caries; (27) *Moschus* in asthma, spasmodic suffocating constriction of the chest without cough; (28) Nitric-acid in salivation and ulceration of fauces; (29) *Nux moschata* in fainting fits; (30) *Opium* in convulsions, sopor, snoring, stertorous and deep somnolence, lethargic fever, epilepsy, constipation, ileus; (31) Potash (caustic) in tetanus; (32) *Plumbum* in constipation and even ileus, hypochondriasis; (33) Purgative in diarrhoea; (34) *Rhus-tox* in vesicular eruption and paralysis; (35) Rose water in ophthalmia; (36) *Sabina* in uterine hæmorrhage; (37) *Sambucus* (European Elder) in oedematous swelling; (38) *Senna* in colic; (39) *Scilla*.

in pleurisy ; (40) Sodorofics in sweating sickness ; (41) Solanum nig. in dropsy ; (42) Stannum in phthisis and gastralgia ; (43) Stramonium in delusion, convulsions, loss of memory ; (44) Sulphur in dysentery, haemorrhoids (piles), itch, asphyxia ; (45) Tea in gastralgia, convulsions, exhaustion, somnolence ; (46) Tobacco in vertigo, nausea, anxiety (removed by smoking) ; (47) Turpentine in strangury, pains in kidney, dropsy and sciatica ; (48) Uva ursi, (uva, a grape ; ursus, a bear) Bearberry in painful discharge of purulent urine ; (49) Verat-alb in cholera ; (50) Wine in inflammatory fevers, phrenitis, delirium. Hahnemann's first essay "On a New Principle etc." published in 1796 (*Lesser Writings*, 295), contains 24 of these examples, besides 29 others not given above ; his observations even on those common to the two works are often different and well worth attention.

#### **Stupendous Response :**

That Hahnemann had adduced convincing proof of the validity of his new therapy can be easily judged from the stupendous response it has already received all the world over. A system of healing that was non-existent did within a little over 150 years develop such a huge literature as can hardly be mastered in one's whole life. Over five thousand proven and partly proven remedies have come into being—Hahnemann himself "proved about ninety different medicines" (*Dudgeon*).

#### **Not Enough :**

But even this is not enough. If humanity has to be really free from so-called incurable diseases and enjoy genuine, natural health and consequent delight and happiness, Homœopathy has to be accepted, perfected and made the basic constitutional therapy, retaining all that is good in all other systems as an aid to it in order to achieve radical cure.

#### **To Accept Hahnemann is to Accept a Law :**

If we accept Hahnemann's claim : "In all ages, the patients who have been really, rapidly, permanently and obviously cured by medicines . . . have been cured solely (though without the

knowledge of the physician) by means of a (homœopathic) medicine which possessed the power of producing similar morbid state", then, we shall be really admitting the law of similars: "*By similars, when administered diseases are cured in the sick*". (Hippocratès).

**Rediscovery : Practical Application :**

But the teaching of this 'father of modern medicine ; or 'the barren iconoclast' Paracelsus did not result in the practical application of this law, rediscovered by Hahnemann and stated as "Similia Similibus Curentur"—let the like be cured by the like. "No one carried out in practice". (Hahn.).

**Dr. Bier Denies Small Doses :**

Dr. August Bier admits that Allopaths can learn a good deal from Homœopathy to the point of improving and increasing their remedies, and wishes the reasonable homœopaths to give Allopathy its dues, and thereby put an end to the continued wrangling between the two schools. He holds that the small dose has nothing whatever to do with Homœopathy, because in his famous first treatise, "An Essay on a New Principle of Ascertaining the Curative Power of Drugs", published in Hufeland's Journal, Hahnemann does not say a word about the small doses.

**Blunder of Big Doses :**

In the earlier part of his Homœopathic career Hahnemann himself committed the same blunder of using big doses for which he later condemned the old school of medicines. In the first case that Hahnemann reports, he used 16 remedies without any result. Then he prescribed four powders of 0.25 grms. each of *Veratrum album*. He knew the pharmacologic reactions of this drug exceptionally well. When he began his career as the professor of the University of Leipzig he had delivered his inaugural lecture on this drug, quoting—thanks to his knowledge of languages—60 other authors. The patient, who took two powders daily instead of one, as instructed, suffered ter-



rible aggravation before the disease, 'colicodyna' i.e. violent intestinal colic, ceased. (1797).

**Source Gave no Clue to Minimum Dose :**

Hahnemann hit upon the law of similars (1790) from Cullen's statement on "China Bark": "a substance which produces certain fevers, but is also capable of curing them"; this statement has no bearing on the minimum dose. That is why he did not immediately discern the corollary of the minimum dose inherent in the eternally existing law of similars operating in all times and climes.

**Minimum Dose, an Inherent Corollary :**

The following instances will make the point clear. An Indian 'sadhu' who used to practise looking at the sun had impairment of vision ; he now began to look at the moon, whereby he was restored to his normal sight ; he deliberately repeated this process twice more for verification, demonstrating unwittingly that the trouble caused by the scorching rays of the sun could be cured by the moon-beams, the reflected rays of the same sun.

**Writer's own Experience :**

During a journey in the Himalayas the present writer had a careless contact with a luxuriant shrub of *Urtica urens* causing intense itching which was quickly cured by rubbing the soft, juicy weeds grown underneath its wide spread shade, imbibing its property in a small measure through close proximity proving thereby that the bad effect of strong stimuli could be removed by small stimuli of the same order.

**Aggravation Drove him to Higher Dilutions :**

Hahnemann was driven to the use of higher and higher dilutions out of the necessity for minimising the force of aggravation. This fact is thought provoking. What is the cause of such aggravation? There are many homœopaths who daily use low potencies without meeting with aggravation, but Hahnemann could hardly get rid of aggravation from low potencies ;

how is it that he had to tackle only highly sensitive patients? One explanation is that his selection of the specific remedy used to be very accurate and the rightly selected homœopathic remedy acts on the diseased organism vehemently; and it appears that the most inveterate cases of chronic ailments only would seek his help.

**Safe Potency :**

He used massive doses up to 1799, and considerably reduced doses between 1799-1814. From 1815 to 1835 he mostly used centesimal 30th, which could cure without aggravation and has come to be known as the safe potency. 200 also is safe.

**Fifty Millesimals :**

The last eight years of his life in Paris he developed and used 50, millesimals. In this scale of potencies, every succeeding potency contains the 50,000th part of the preceding one; there are 30 such potencies, 0/1 to 0/30; the symbol 0/ represents the poppy-seed size of the globules used in this scale.

**Kent's Originals :**

"Although Hahnemann knew all about the high potencies made by Korsakoff, up to 200, 1000, and even 1500, he did not know the very high potencies effected and applied in accordance with Kent's rules: 10M, 50M, 100M, etc. However 50 millesimals, if applied *lege artis* give really good results." (Schmidt).

**Condemnation of Specifics Criticised :**

Hahnemann has condemned the old school of medicine for its condemnation of specific remedies: "These (remedies) that would certainly be of benefit could be none other than the specific medicines, that is, those whose action is homogeneous [now termed homœopathic] to the morbid irritation; whose employment, however, is denounced and forbidden by the old school as highly injurious, because observation has shown that in consequence of the receptivity for homogeneous irritation being so highly increased in diseases, such medicines

in their usual big doses are dangerous to life. The old school never dreamt of smaller, and of extremely small doses. Accordingly no attempt was made to cure in the direct, (the most natural) way. . . ."

**Prohibition from Antiquity :**

Heidelberg testifies that prohibition of specific remedies comes down from antiquity: "Where experience showed the curative power of homœopathically acting remedies, whose action could not be explained,\* the difficulty was avoided by calling them specific, and further investigation stifled by this actually unmeaning word. The homogenous excitant remedies, the specific (homœopathic) medicines, however had long previously been prohibited as of very injurious influence."—Rau, *On the Value of the Homœopathic Method of Treatment*, Heidelberg, 1824, pp. 101, 102.

**Mysterious Truth : Even the Highest Potency Aggravates :**

On scrutiny it will be found that there is some mysterious truth, which is not yet fully understood and remains mostly far from being unravelled, in the prohibition and condemnation of specific drugs, as will be evident from the fact that even the highest potency of the 50 millesimal scale (1:50,000), namely 0/30, the zenith finally reached by Hahnemann, also retains the power of aggravation *in susceptible cases*, in spite of the advantages claimed for these potencies, viz., (1) the highest development of power, (2) mildest reaction, (3) capability of repetition, (a) every hour or oftener in acute cases, (b) daily or every other day in chronic cases, and (4) quick cure of chronic diseases, by repeated deviated doses.

**Kent's Warning :**

Dr. Kent did not know of 50 millesimals. The 6th German edition of the Organon was completed by Hahnemann in 1842,

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\*How Homœopathy acts—A SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION—an article that appeared in *Hahnemannian Gleanings*, January, 1961. (By the writer of this article),

(death, July 2, 1843), before Kent was born; and this edition containing the novel method of 50 millesimal, could not be translated into English and published before 1922, when Kent was no more. (Death of Dr. Kent in 1916.) But he too has warned us against ignorant prescribing of high potencies: "Do not give the constitutional [specific] remedy, that should have been given 20 years ago . . . he will be destroyed . . . to cure him is to kill him. They are simply dreadful. In old gouty cases, in old cases of Bright's disease, in advanced cases of phthisis where there are many tubercles, beware of Kali carb, given too high, the 30th may be of good service."

**Aggravation from L. M. Potencies :**

The users of L. M. potencies (L=50 ; M=1000 ; L.M.=50, 000) like Pahud, Voisin, Voegeli, all found aggravation from their use. "Hahnemann asserts that there is no limit to be set to the number of our dynamization as long as they can lead to aggravation." "Kent's new method gives such good results that the new process could be applied exclusively to chronic or serious cases." (Schmidt). Dr. Voegeli says, "Besides Phosphorus, which I use only exceptionally in L.M., one should be careful with Natrum muriaticum. It is one of the remedies that has given me often some remarkable aggravation in L.M., Arsenic should be prescribed very cautiously, Sepia as well . . . very strong reactions with Chelidonium 12 L.M. Voegeli also recommends high centesimals, one dose every month or six weeks in strict conformity with Hahnemann's principle of "no repetition, so long the amelioration lasts." He further says: "A homœopath who depends upon experience uses the whole gamut of dilutions, from the mother tincture up to the 50,000 . . . he who sticks to one method is always wrong and often misses the best occasion to cure . . . he who limits himself to the lower dilutions alone, abandons precisely one of the most important discoveries of Hahnemann, which has enriched the art of cure in an unbelievable way. . . . If the remedy is well chosen, one will be astonished at first to see the high percentage of aggravating reactions. . . . when we dose them correctly in such a way that no reaction is anymore caused, we will obtain the best thera-

peutic result precisely by the remedies which were causing dangerous aggravations. The very moment the patient feels the slightest reaction, he should immediately cease to take his remedy . . . . to take the medicine only once a week when the aggravation is slight. I prescribe an antidote if the aggravation is strong . . . . to proceed very cautiously the first week." When well tolerated, "the number of doses may be increased."

#### **Catches the Bull by the Horns :**

Thus we see, Hahnemann catches hold of the bull by the horn. The dreadful power of aggravation, avoided by the old school, he harnesses for the radical cure of diseases ; his magic secret being minimising the dose ; for, the rightly selected homœopathic remedy acts on the diseased part (we say, rather on the whole system) vehemently ; and susceptibility varies from one to thousand degrees.

#### **Gross and Fine Doses :**

Patients having low susceptibility require gross doses, low potencies and prove failures under a high-potency homœopath. Highly sensitive patients may be cured by an unimaginably small dose, or even by inhalation (not olfaction) of a tiniest globule, hardly larger than a poppy seed, placed in a small phial with a little quantity of alcohol.

#### **Theoretical Reflection Versus Experience :**

He usually employed a fraction of a poppy seed size globule "dissolved in water and given in a proper small dose that experience taught as the most suitable for the quickest accomplishment of the cure." Hahnemann who was fully alive to the weaknesses of human nature laments: "It requires quite an effort to believe that so little a thing, so prodigiously small a dose of medicine could effect the least thing in the human body, especially in coping with such an enormously great, tedious disease. "These great truths will be questioned yet for years, even by most of the homœopathic physicians and will not therefore be practised, on account of the theoretical reflection. . ."

"Neither do I comprehend it." "I believe more in experience than in my own intelligence."

**Big Doses Inevitable :**

There are many instances where big doses were necessary to effect the complete cure. A menstrual case matching with Asafoetida could be fully cured only after going gradually down from 200th to lower than the  $\emptyset$  mother tincture, five grains of the substance asafoetida per dose. Hahnemann had also once advised going downward ; many have succeeded that way ; but his latest advice is to go gradually higher. "Rules are an inadequate substitute for an inner light", crudely expressed as "rules are for fools." Burnett opines that homœopaths who cannot reach behind the symptoms are like readers who read by spelling each word.

**Over Sensitivity :**

Now, one may ask, what is the cause of super sensitivity? Some patients begin to prove every remedy they take, develop symptoms of that remedy ; they are often tubercular. Kent says, "It often causes suspicion of latent syphilis when such (prolonged) aggravations are very severe after Sulphur high. Sul. low will not be followed by such results." "In some . . . cases of brain syphilis Sul. and Causticum have caused prolonged suffering and weakness. Syphilinum will act favourably." "Destructive ulceration in broken down cases after Sulphur . . . syphilinum will restrain. . ." Tubercular state rests on latent syphilis.

**Repetition Causes Aggravation ; Allergy :**

Repetition of unchanged dose sometimes causes aggravation. Hippocrates said: "*Diseases are produced by similars.*" During 23 centuries after him no medical writer mentioned it, no one understood it. In 1902 the French physiologist Charles Richet injected the toxic substance of the jellyfish into dogs . . . the first injection was innocuous, but the second injection after a few days proved toxic, even lethal. He called this pheno-

menon, anaphylaxis; but in 1906 Von Pirquet introduced the name allergy as more significant. (Adapted from *Bellokossy*).

**Bad Effect of Repetition Fore-Stalled :**

We do not know if Hahnemann were aware of the law related to the causation of diseases by similars, laid down by Hippocrates, referred to above; but anyhow he has forestalled the bad effects of unchanged doses that might prove allergic (long before the birth of allergy) by enjoining that (1) every dose must be allowed to complete its action, (2) not to speak of repetition the body has aversion for even a second unaltered dose, (3) every succeeding dose must be made somewhat different from the preceding one by 10 to 20 vigorous successions (not nerveless strokes).

**Old Symptoms Return :**

Dr. K. C. Bhanja relates: "I was once tempted to repeat a dose of Calcarea [carb] 200 in a case of high blood-pressure after a period of two months, when the case was close upon cure and the remedy seemed to have ceased to act any further. With the repetition on came the old symptoms like a raging storm." Is it the fault of Calcarea carb or the repetition of an unaltered dose? Let experts judge. He says, "Calcarea must not be administered at full or new moon, because those are the days of its aggravation. As ill luck would have it I prescribed a dose of Calc. 200 just at full moon (through oversight, of course) with the result that I was at my wit's end on finding what havoc it played with the patient." In a case of gleet, he had repeated Sepia 200 after a fortnight; "The old symptoms reappeared with rapidity." It is a fact that some people are susceptible to certain remedies, food articles and circumstances.

**Calcarea and Nitric Acid—Their Relation :**

However, about Calcarea Hahnemann writes: ". . . any unfavourable effects of Calcarea even when selected apparently homœopathically, may be neutralised by following it with Nitric acid, and the effects will be changed into favourable ones." (*Chronic Diseases*). Some put Nit-ac. as inimical to Calcarea

along with Bryonia and Sulphur ; others say Nit-ac. is often indicated after Calcarea carb and Kali carb. "When Nitric acid . . . acts . . . unfavourably, then Calcarea may generally be profitably employed . . ." *Chronic Diseases*.

**Ascending and Descending Order :**

Hahnemann advised repetition of *Causticum* "in a different degree of potency." "Causticum may be advantageously repeated after the intermediate use of other antipsoric remedies, when it is again homœopathically indicated, but it should always be used *in a different degree of potency*." (*Chr. Dis.*) But in his 6th edition of the Organon he enjoins that the repetition must always be ascending. What to say about a case in which 20 M. Rhus tox could not cure rheumatic pain in ten weeks, when 200 cured it in two hours!

The use of a suitable intermediary allied remedy also seems to be a safeguard against possible allergic upheaval.

**Contrary Effect :**

It may be pointed out that all systems of healing want to produce an effect, which is contrary to the disease ; Homœopathy does this through the minimum dose of a similar remedy ; mild stimuli and strong stimuli act in the opposite way ; what the strong stimuli cause, the mild stimuli heal. But toxic agents imposing contrary effects on tissues and functions cause suppression which is often mistaken for a cure.

**Arndt's Law Outwitted :**

The infinitesimal doses of L.M. potencies causing aggravation seems almost to outwit the Arndt-Schulz law: "Small stimuli encourage life actively"; aggravation may be looked upon as over-encouragement, justifying the law through the usual beneficial result following aggravation.

**Needed Discoveries of Inherent Homœopathy in All Systems :**

From the standpoint of radical cure, no system of healing the sick will be complete until it discovers the homœopathic principle inherent in itself and consciously makes use of it with



necessary adaption and needed modification that will enrich and enable it to "effect an unalloyed and permanent cure . . . by means of a few simple medicines carefully selected according to their proved effects." (*Hahn.*)

**No System to be Abolished :**

It is not necessary, nor possible, nor desirable that all other systems should abolish themselves yielding place to homœopathy; it is enough that—in the larger interest of human welfare, to secure normal health, to be restored to the paradise of the curative power already existing within us, that needs no external help in its natural, un-deranged condition—the homœopathic principle be adopted by the votaries of all systems, whereby all that is good and useful in their own domain will be better and more useful in the matter of effecting gentle, quick and permanent cure of diseases.

**Miasms :**

My tale will remain incomplete without a few words on 'miasms' (evil influences). Hahnemann, in his practice of homœopathy, was confronted with a puzzling difficulty: the symptoms are there for the right selection, the remedy acts, but the cure does not last; the more the repetition, the less the action, then it does not act at all. This problem led him to the discovery of the nature of the chronic diseases. He found out three miasms, Psora, Sycosis and Syphilis. The miasms are subtle constitutional poisons, incapable of detection through any known tests but can be recognised by their signs and symptoms. Suppression of skin disease, gonorrhœa or its offshoots and syphilis or its manifold manifestation, in oneself or in one's ancestors lead to Psora, Sycosis, Syphilis respectively. Primarily Psora originates in the (vital) mind; wrong thinking and wrong willing antecedent to wrong actions causing vile diseases is the original form of mental Psora.

It is this mental Psora that produces proneness to diseases shutting out the life-sustaining divine light and forces.

**Psora—A Combination of Dyscrasia :**

Leprosy is the external manifestation of Psora, and skin disease with itching are milder forms of Leprosy. Some think, purely psoric skin lesions are not attended with any discoloration of the skin. "Modern Bacteriology finds that the bacilli of leprosy resemble the tubercle bacilli . . . and the leper reacts to tuberculin test and Wassermann Reaction test." It is very striking that "all the diseases known to be due to tubercle-bacillus are attributed by Hahnemann to Psora." Thus Psora and tubercular condition or diathesis are synonymous. "It is quite possible that a large part, if not all, of the remainder of Hahnemann's list may ultimately be included in the modern list." "MacConkey, through clinical experience, came to believe and taught that heart disease, with or without valvular lesions, diabetes, rheumatism and cancer were tubercular in nature and origin." It seems, Hahnemann, as an intuitive genius has built more than he knew. "Was the founder a demi mystic?" (*Sri Aurobindo*). Psora, his greatest contribution to the medical world, is, in fact, not a single dyscrasia or diathesis, as he earlier believed ; it is a combination of dyscrasiae, as he later discovered: "Before I had obtained this knowledge I could only teach how to treat the whole number of chronic diseases as isolated, individual maladies . . ." (Foot-note, *Organon*, para 80).

**T. B. Infection :**

These dyscrasiae, acquired or inherited, undermine healthy tissues paving the way to tubercular infection. Germs seek their natural habitat, diseased tissues ; germs do not attack a fruit to cause it rot, they grow when it is rotten. "Behring and other authorities on tuberculosis now hold that the infection often occurs in infancy . . . and remains latent until later life."

**The Knot of Three Miasms :**

These discoveries push us towards synthesis. The thing is that when latent syphilis is grafted on a psoric basis, scrofulous

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this, that the most suitable homœopathic remedy for each morbid condition does not spontaneously fly into their mouths like roasted pigeons, without any trouble on their own part). . . ."

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or tubercular diathesis is produced, Sycosis makes the condition malignant and more painful.

**Slow but Steady Progress of Synthesis :**

If the votaries of other systems or therapy do not refuse to benefit by these new discoveries, which are almost like revelations, Synthesis of Medical Systems will, in practice, commence and proceed apace.

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