

MID-DAY DREAM

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Clouds roared with thunder and lightning as they were being scattered to pieces by the raging North-West wind. Suddenly one portion of the clouds began to descend towards me and seemed to assume human shape as fast as it descended. Before I could get any time to be frightened or unnerved, it took a definite human shape with long beards hanging upto the abdomen and strange dress as if something of dresses of every nation of the world were pieced together. Again, before I could make out a head or a tail of the situation, the figure spoke forth in chaste Hindi, "Jaihind, (1) I am Hahnemann on April whirl-wind tour of the world for the sake of peace of my soul. I give you ten minutes for any ten questions you may like me to answer and no more. Be quick or I quit". (Since the face of the figure tallied with that of Hahnemann's picture except for the beard, I decided to test further by putting searching questions.

Q. (1)—I returned a hearty "Jaihind" and enquired about his overgrown beard and strange dress and fluent Hindi talk.

Ans.—Overgrown beard because I have no time to shave as I have lost peace of mind due to vulgarisation of Homœopathy by my own followers.

Strange dress because I have taken up some of the dresses of all the countries of the world where Homœopathy is flourishing.

Talking in Hindi because since my death I have mastered all the languages of the world to learn how Homœopathy is faring in different countries. But you have spoiled one minute & one question for nothing. Next.

Q. (2)—Are you not happy to learn that there are over three lacs Registered Homœopaths in India at present?

Ans.—Not at all. I do'nt want quantity but quality. By the by, why do'nt they take up the challenge of their Union Health Minister to cure Cancer cases deemed incurable by the other school? I shall be happy when the challenge is successfully taken up. Next.

Q. (3)—Could you dream of such a large number of Homœopaths in one country only?

Ans.—No. But in my list of Indian Homœopaths, their number has yet to reach two digits.

Q. (4)—It means you have 'potentised' the regd. number of Indian Homœopaths to 4x dilution. Why so?

Ans.—Say 2c as I practised on that Scale. It is very easy to understand. I practised with about one hundred remedies which I had to prove myself, and had by own experience only to guide me. At present you have over 2000 proved remedies and experience of over 150 years' Homœopathic practice to guide you. I refuse to register any one who does not show equal results if

not better than mine in healing the sick. To be frank, your name is not included in my list though I may consider it in future if you go on improving.

Q. (5)—Dr. Seal says if you were alive this day, you would have supported his injection theory and practice in Homœopathy. Is it true?

Ans.—I am all praise for his Research. I simply advise him not to put the cart before the horse. Let him first prove remedies by injection administration on healthy provers and declare the results.

Q. (6)—Some say if you were present this day you would have advised use of modern wonder drugs for the good of the patient. Is it so?

Ans.—They might as well say that I would have been walking on my head by this time. If they mean Homœopathic use of those drugs, they are perfectly right.

Q. (7)—Did you get the clue to your three-miasm theory from the Tridosh (2) theory of Ayurveda (3)? I imagine it to be most likely as you were master of many languages.

Ans.—A grand stretch of imagination indeed. I felt the necessity of the miasms in practice though I do not remember where I got the clue and hence am inclined to give your imagination the benefit of doubt.

Q. (8)—It is alleged you kept mum on how to teach Homœopathy. Can you offer your suggestion now?

Ans.—I was fighting all along to give Homœopathy a place under the Sun. I kept mum on a premature question. A suggestion emanating from my two centuries old brain cannot help you in your present troubles. Homœopathy can be learnt and taught in various ways provided salt loseth not its flavour otherwise wherewith shall it be salted.

Q. (9) Is it possible to remove the pathological tissue changes through potentised drug stimulus?

Ans.—Not always, especially where enough time has elapsed and making it impossible for the vital force to reverse the tissue changes. The vital force in such cases has compromised to carry on with the change to the end. However my true followers are constantly narrowing down such cases. I used to crush the renal calculus, but they melt it away with a few doses of the indicated remedy.

Q. (10)—You found it very difficult to manage cases spoiled by suppressive treatment of your time. Do'nt you think the present subtler and more powerful drugging to make our difficulties almost unsurmountable?

Ans.—Not unsurmountable but difficult indeed. You can get these tips to make your task easy; (1) make use of the drugs Homœopathically by proving. This will also show their antidotes. (2) Reprove your old drugs on your present people. This will give you new symptoms. (3) Prove other new remedies like your Indian Drugs. I think, then you will be rowing your boat with the current and with the wind.

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city. He had an eruption on his head and neck that had recurred every summer for eight years. As usual in such long-standing cases, he had been to various doctors, even to the Research Hospital, Chicago.

I had finished, was just ready to give him a few words of instruction about the medicine, when the waiting room buzzer sounded urgently. A woman with a small girl in her arms was standing there. I asked her if she wished to come in, as I jumped to the conclusion that she was the wife of my new patient. She sat down in a chair a few feet from Mr. Lon, holding the child on her lap.

I proceeded to finish my directions to the patient, and he rose and left the room. But the woman stayed. She was from my own town, though a stranger to me, and she wanted medicine for the little girl. I was just sure that the man would never come back to such a scatter-brained doctor. But he did, and continued throughout the summer. His hives did not return the next year, but he came that August, as he had a little eczema, which had been the basic condition that had caused the serious, long-lasting urticaria.

Nothing makes me happier than improvement in my patients. I assure you that I work always towards bringing that about. Homeopathy is so great and rich that to be able to make use of it is like possessing a fragment of light itself. For light is life, and its value is beyond that of rubies and diamonds.

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Q. (11)—How will you fare if you started Homœopathic practice somewhere in this country.

Ans.—I will start my work from where I left without much difficulty. But our time is up, I to depart and you to wake up from this vivid dream. Aude sapere (4)..... Parkalam (5)..... Prasthanam (6)..... Tumi German Janona (7)..... A fluttering noise made my eyes open and I found Hahnemannian Number of the Hahnemannian Gleanings fallen to the ground. Perhaps a strong current of the North-West wind did it by fluttering off its pages while I was interviewing Hahnemann in the Strange dream.

1. Jaihind—Lit. Victory for India, now used as greeting in India.
2. Tridosh—Sanskrit for three miasms.
3. Ayurveda—Ancient Indian system of medicine.
4. Aude sapere—German for—Be honest to tell the truth.
5. Parkalam—Tamil for—wait and see.
6. Prasthanam—Sanskrit for—exit.
7. Tumi German Janona—Bengali for—you know not German.