

workers. A second emanometer has now been completed, with modifications, and is ready for use. This instrument has already been ordered by a homœopathic physician.

Meanwhile, much time has been spent in studying the phenomena associated with the emanometer and in assembling all our present knowledge regarding it. Mr. W. R. Eadie has been largely responsible for this work, and hopes to continue with original research into to phenomena when time permits.

In last year's report it was noted that investigation was intended into the claim of Gattegno and Gay on the recording of *material vibrations of the human body in response to drugs* (Vittoz effect) and also the claim of Gay and Boiron as to the changes in dielectric constant of the potency solutions as against distilled water controls.

Considerable preliminary study and experiment has been carried out along these lines, and attempts made to construct a stable apparatus for recording the Vittoz effect in normal subjects. The biophysical assistant has been gaining experience in this work and learning to carry out preliminary experiments. These lines of research will require much time and patience before any results can be expected, and at a later date expert outside advice will be required.

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### **DISTINCTIVE PHASES OF KALI CARB.**

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It is not my intention to enter upon a general study of this valuable remedy, which has been done by others. I shall present certain mental phases in detail.

One of the persistent characteristics is confusion, found in the tuberculosycotic miasmatic state. It may be of use in the advanced cases which present no marked pathology, but a decided functional derangement of cerebral and spinal centres.

The patient stands pannicky in the midst of ordinary duty, sees work pile up, yet cannot accomplish.

Misplaces articles; when looking for and unable to find them becomes confused and exasperated with fear of losing mind.

Industry under these circumstances is increased with inability to do.

Forgetful; forgets in an instant; makes errors in spelling and figures; has four or five things under way at the same time, leaving each partly done.

Hurry; in talking, eating, and occupation.

Jealousy and hatred; malicious; aversion to husband and child, yet clings tenaciously to them.

Has all the symptoms of hyperactivity and anæmia of cerebral cells, in alternation. Attacks of excitement are of short duration, and prostration is prolonged.

In these cases we find the sycotic taint predominating, and a favourable indication is the appearance of finger warts. In one case there were recurrent crops on neck and chest.

Clings to life; to money; to clothes; in fact everything; there is fear of poverty, of the future, of death. The hoarding instinct in general is strong and exemplifies the psoric element.

Under *Kali carb.* there is a difficulty to explain, to make oneself clear, with a bluntness of speech. Is misleading in statements, ambiguous, with intense desire to be understood.

Timidity; cannot defend his rights; remains silent if wrongly accused.

Cold; aversion to bathing; careless about everything.

Face has a ghastly appearance; pale, yellow, and sickly.

Brain fag; cannot concentrate, with dull headache deep in the brain.

Akwardness; drops things; falls over furniture.

Dreams of departed loved ones, each time before a relative or friend took sick or had a misfortune. This symptom was

always a warning and happened repeatedly under *Kali carb.* It corresponds to a phase of *Medorrhinum*, and is complementary in the tuberculo-sycotic state. The symptom referred to is found under *Medorrhinum*, in H. C. Allen's *Materia Medica of the Nosodes*, "is always anticipating, feels most matters sensitively before they occur and generally correctly". The typical sycotic is not troubled with dreams. It finds its expression in the tubercular type.

Here is a clear-cut illustration of a general symptom of a miasm, the tubercular, acting as a vehicle for expression of an accretion, the sycotic. It further indicates that when the diseased grouping shapes itself in an orderly relationship of expression, and we do not by injudicious handling of the case add drug or other wrong impressions, we can with homœopathy unravel the problem. In our study we find the enlarging capacity of remedies in a developmental sense to include progression in natural disease, namely evolvment of the miasms. This destroys the fictitious concept that our materia medica is limited in its scope to function in a definite period to be superseded by other means in the evolvment of diseased states due to the complication arising out of our civilization.

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## THE SCOPE OF HOMŒOPATHIC POTENCIES

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It is probable that the crude remedies and their lower potencies act on the more *material* conditions of the patient and with some mental reactions, while those potencies beyond the third centesimal cause reactions from the *vital* ranges corresponding.

The characteristic nature of each herb or other substance is known quite well as a rule, and when potentized they have been proved to cover a much wider set of conditions without losing their basic qualities. The reason for this is rather diffi-