## PRESS CONFERENCE\*

In welcoming the representatives of the Press, Dr. G. Dirghangi, President of the Institute said:—

Gentle friends of the Calcutta Press,

We have invited you here because Homocopathy, the system of treatment we follow, is now in a critical condition. It has been almost overlooked by the Bhore Committee leaving it to the consideration after investigation of the Provincial Govts. The consequence has, thus, been uncertain as it should ordinarily be. The adversity can be averted, we are sure, by your sincere co-operation with us in establishing our claims by wielding your powerful pen. Gentlemen, I trust, your response is not due to mere etiquette but has come out of a love for the Science, from your laudable principle of Altruism as also from your natural gratefulness to Homceopathy for the services it has rendered to numberless people of our mother-land. We thank you as you richly deserve for public service. On behalf of the Bengal Homeopathic Institute I take this opportunity to welcome you and thank you specially for your ready and kind response.

Indeed we, one and all of us, ought to be grateful to Homoeopathy. For who have not been benefited by it in the sickness of their own or their children at one time or another of their lives? But gratefulness is rare in India, said Dr. Huban a keenly observing Irish Gentleman, Civil Surgeon of New Delhi. Again; as is natural for want of its pompous and noisy show it is less believed by the well-to-do. But given a fair trial, Homoeopathy has given entire satisfaction to the rich as well as the poor. If you believe the testimony of old practitioners we can tell you frankly that very seldom Homoeopathy fails in common or ordinary illnesses, not even in such serious

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illnesses as Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pneumonia, Erysipelas, Malaria, Cholera, etc.

Dr. J. T. Kent, A.M., M.D. the well-known American Homoeopath, a true disciple of Hahnemann said:—

Typhoid fever must be aborted in 10 days.

Remittent fever in 3 days.

Pneumonia in its first stage.

Influenza in 3 days.

Whooping cough in 10 days.

There can be no better test for our work and for our position than to announce to the world that we do this. Let us do this and let all others compare their work and stand or fall by the test of Clinical Experience. (Homeopathician, Vol. II, 1912).

Homoeopaths can cure cases of appendicitis, Gall-stone Colic, Gastric Ulcers by means of Homoeopathic medicines alone and save many persons from fear of Surgeons knives, unless, ofcourse, they are hopelessly advanced with serious pathological changes. There is no use dilating on this point. Impartial observers among you might have noticed personally such cure and support my statements without any reservation.

The Science which in course of 157 years has made its own way throughout the world and given a Homeopathic Physician to the king of England and also to a president of the United States of America, cannot be left out of consideration by men who have at heart the welfare of their mother-land.

Dr. Agust Bier, the great Surgeon of the continent of Europe, went to London after his conversion to Homœopathy. He was asked by English Doctors whether he was going to back Homœopathy. He promply replied saying "Truth needs no backing. When truth comes before you, bow down and adopt it for your own good, much more you could imagine.

Hahnemann said:—Truth is coeternal with the allwise, benevolent Deity. It may long escape the observation of man but in time it shall break the clouds of prejudice and shall shine with inextinguishable light for the weal of the human race. He also said in his Chronic Diseases the following:—

"If they do not treat my discovery any better—well, then a more conscientious and intelligent posterity will alone have the advantage to be obtained by a faithful observance of the teachings here in laid down and deliver mankind from numberless tedious diseases.

The above remarks of greatman cannot leave any doubt as to the efficiency of and what should be the attitude of all right-thinking men towards Homœopathy. Can free India afford to throw it overboard and with that the relief of its poor sufferers? Homœopathy, as you all know, is capable of doing the greatest good to the greatest number with the least cost. With one dram of medicine, it can cure and protect 100 men, women and children which no other medicine in the world can boast of. We can carry a dispensary of Homœopathic medicines within an ordinary bag. It is so easy to administer without any way wounding the patient. It does not scare away children but makes firm friendship with them.

Gentlemen, you will surely agree with me, when I say that such a wonderfully economic and curative system of medicine should be fostered by all means. Well-equipped colleges should be established for turning out qualified Homœopathic Physicians and Surgeons. Well-equipped hospitals should be allowed to prove the curative powers of Homœopathic medicines. Unfettered indent of Homœopathic medicines should be allowed to facilitate practice with genuine medicines, so long as we cannot reliably prepare the medicines here. Sale of spurious Degrees and ill-prepared Drugs should be suppressed with a strong hand by strengthening the position of the faculty

of Homeopathy by enactment, supplanting its statutory basis.

If we do not do this, Homoeopathy will lose its power to serve suffering people of our land with as much ability as it naturally possesses. It will not die out, never, because it is based on truth of the universal law of nature, only its vast advantages will be denied to helpless, unfortunate sufferers.

Now, I respectfully leave it to your consideration, whether you should fight nobly with us for stability, improvement and honoured position of Homœopathy or not. I beg also to remind you that if you dissappoint us by your indifference, you deprive yourselves also as well as the poor people of Free India of the precious Gift of God for alleviation of the sufferings of ailing humanity in the shape of Homœopathy. Jai Hind.

## CASE OF THE MONTH

FROM ONE OF OUR HOMEOPATHIC HOSPITALS.

When reading these notes it must always be remembered that Homcopathy is essentially an individualistic treatment. It therefore never makes use of nor seeks for specifics for disease. So it must not be thought that any remedy mentioned in these notes will necessarily be the remedy for other cases of the same illness.

THE REMEDY DEPENDS UPON THE INDIVI-DUAL PATIENT'S REACTIONS AND NOT ON THE NAME OF THE DISEASE.

The DRUG was SULPHUR. The condition, CHRONIC SACROILIAC PAIN.

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Chronic backache for years. Must be careful otherwise he is crippled. All sorts of investigations and treatment. X-rays negative. Back always feels tired. Holds