

I gave Sac Lac 4 powders to be given twice daily. After the powders were finished, he came to me saying "there was no further change".

I gave Aconit 200 one powder to be given at 5 p.m. and S. L. 10 powders. B. D.

The next evening he came and told me that the last night she slept well and on the next morning she cleaned her teeth and took normal diet both morning and noon. Afterwards she was quiet alright and came to normal. I did not repeat the medicine further. It is now more than three years passed.

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Dear President, Ladies, Gentlemen and Colleagues,

You will recall, last year on this occasion I dilated on the usefulness of the Homœopathic Science in comparison with the Regular one in vogue.

But, to-day I would discuss on another aspect of it. Everyone knows that Homœopathy is a symptomatic treatment and that the majority of the Indian Homœopaths come from the laity. And, when they are equally successful like their other brothers of the profession, what earthly purpose does it serve to enlist oneself in the Homœopathic Colleges? Or, rather, to be more specific, are the Homœopathic Colleges Public Utility Concerns?

This is a very cogent question. A satisfactory reply to this will take us a long way down to the spread and development of Homœopathy.

It should be borne in mind that Medicine is a "Calling" and not a mere "profession". The calling to do good or to help should be a spontaneously natural instinct like a hearty laugh. So, unless a medical man has that

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spontaneity; the instinctive urge in him, he may just be a misfit despite his qualifications and training. He has to labour hard and squeeze himself into the square hole and has always to be alive and alert to the changing circumstances. Of course one consolation is there that 'fake'ism is sometimes transformed into truism by the sudden and unexpected opening of some hidden channels.

The trends of the potentialities of every individual is traceable in his childhood; the same is true for medicine. If, therefore, this early potentiality is developed towards its "electivity" he becomes a great man in his own line with none to parallel or surpass him. But, what do the naked and staring facts proclaim for themselves? This inborn and inexplicable potentiality is clubbed and deflected thus transforming the natural propensities into artificial traits. Hence, the bulk of the medical men are artificial misfits, devoid of the natural instinctive urge, simply out to make money.

To the materialistic man, the pursuit of Almighty Pelf or filthy lucre is the be-all and end-all of life, since it is supposed to bring prestige and power in its trail; hence all that is said earlier becomes a dead philosophy leading to mental aberrations, untenable and unworkable in toto.

It will therefore be not basically wrong to bury the first category seven fathoms deep and limit ourselves to the second category to which 99.9% belong.

It is admitted by those who know that Homœopathy is a science of symptomatic treatment. But this statement is too vague to be of any specific use. The symptoms require a thorough scanning and analysis to dig out the root cause and origin. After all, what are the symptoms? They are the language of the abnormalities due to the functional disorders of the body. It becomes therefore abundantly clear that unless we know what are the normal structures and functions of the different parts of the body, it will be simply mid-summer madness to profess to understand thoroughly the abnormalities and disorders or "dys-func-

tions". Hence the necessity of Anatomy and Physiology etc. Again, such irregular functions may indicate shortage or excess of body-building materials; hence the necessity of Chemistry etc. Again, diseases may be detected in the excrecences and blood; hence the necessity to study the growth and development of micro-organisms. And so on and so forth.

I agree that all the above can be studied at home with proper help and guidance, but this method of self-education is a prolonged and arduous one and may take even the whole life of a man to become thoroughly conversant; whereas such study is facilitated at such institutions where all facilities exist. This, thus shortens the period to a great extent. Here in these institutions all can be trained at minimum time and expense, but such facilities are rare for individuals self-educating themselves.

Those self-educated medicos who have tried to delve deep into the different subjects and thereby acquire the knowledge will only appreciate such remarks and not the know-all.

There is another misconception in us. This is what is termed as "experience"—This is a very unstable fact differing from individual to individual, place to place and time to time. We presume that those who are practising for well-nigh half a century are certainly masters or, that the allopathic converts are better experts. This is a delusion difficult to remove. It has been seen more often than not that these categories, though they sneer at the rest, very often remain what they were at the prime of their lives without understanding the principles of homœopathy or even ever trying to do so due to their lust for gold which they amass in plenty. But talk to them looking squarely in their faces, it will convince you of the truth of this statement. This is not new but a repetition of Kent's statement made about 50 years ago in his Philosophy. I have had occasions to mix with some eminent homœopathic personalities. This only verified Kent's statement. I was

simply dumb-struck to observe their shallowness of homœopathic knowledge. The only qualification these so-called big guns have is that they can talk glibly and airily with ample technical terminologies not understood by the general run but very carefully avoiding the utterance of any word on homœopathic philosophy or its principles. Again, if one goes a step further and watches over their prescriptions, it will be observed that these very talk-bigs have neither principles nor scruples. They are interested in their multiples of sixteens (with apology).

But still we cannot discard either of these two groups as these very people are usually the professors of such institutions. And, here the student has to apply his analytic faculty and has only to take what appeals to him and what is in direct ratio with the teachings of Hahnemann, rejecting the rest.

Lastly, these institutions merely teach the technique of cure and their applications thus laying the foundation only. To achieve perfection requires the correct application of this knowledge known as the "Art". To be a good artist and consequent successful practitioner requires conscientious application of the principles over a considerably period of time. And, to have a complete grasp and mastery over this science even one's own span of life is not enough.

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