

covered consciousness since some days and could urinate while awake.

Since the bowels had not moved since a fortnight and from an overall general condition he did not appear quite out of danger, I hastened to give him a dose of Opium 30 on the very 30-8-53.

This made him pass hard balls for days to follow and soon after his paralyzed leg was able to move while the paralyzed hand has also shown movement since 7-9-53, of course, not without a short-lived pain, heat and tingling in the affected nerves.

Thank God, the boy is now fully recovered, at the time of writing, except for the rheumatic heart which, perhaps, requires extra spade work on right lines.

NEWS & NOTES

Extracts from the Minutes of the Third Meeting with the representatives of Homœopathy held in the office of the Director General of Health Services, New Delhi, on 11th and 12th September, 1953.

The following were present :—

1. Lt. Col. C. K. Lakshmanan .. Chairman
2. Dr. C. G. Pandit
3. Dr. J. N. Majumdar
4. Dr. Diwan Jai Chand
5. Dr. L. D. Dhawale
6. Dr. K. G. Saxena
7. Dr. M. Gururaju

The following items were considered—

1. Training of homœopaths ;
2. Research in homœopathy ;
3. Standardisation of homœopathic drugs ;
4. Regulation of the practice of homœopathy ;
5. Utilisation of homœopaths in health services

1. TRAINING OF HOMŒOPATHS

(a) Undergraduate Training

The decision taken at the second meeting that there should be only one course of training, viz., a five year degree course in homœopathy made up of 4½ years for basic and hospital studies and 6 months internship, was confirmed. The committee considered in detail the draft syllabus drawn up by the members of the profession and approved the same.

In order to provide adequate facilities for such training the Committee would suggest that :

- (1) the three existing homœopathic colleges in Calcutta should be amalgamated into one, pooling their resources in men and material ;
- (ii) other existing homœopathic colleges in Lucknow, Gudivada and Midnapur should also be upgraded to give effect to this type of training ;
- (iii) any new homœopathic institution, which may be established, must possess adequate facilities to give the training of the degree standard and according to the draft syllabus ;
- (vi) the amalgamation of the colleges in Calcutta and the upgrading of the three other institutions should be completed within a period of five years and the authorities concerned should take such steps as are necessary to achieve this end. It was pointed out that the institutions would require financial help for such upgrading. It was agreed that the authorities concerned should submit detailed proposals for the upgrading programme together with their requests for financial aid to the State Governments concerned. The Chairman stated that if requests for financial aid from the Centre were received they would be given due consideration.

(b) Postgraduate Training

The Committee agreed that there should be at least one college for giving postgraduate training in homœopathy both to homœopaths as well as graduates of modern medicine. The Committee's view was that, to start with, the proposed homœopathic college in Bombay should be developed as early as possible for this purpose. There should be two courses of post-graduate training, each of one year's duration, viz., (i) for homœopaths who have taken the basic qualification from recognised homœopathic institutions, and (ii) for graduates in modern medicine. The college authorities should submit proposals to the State Government for grant-in-aid for this development.

2. RESEARCH

The Committee considered the programme of research submitted by the members of the profession and it was agreed that, out of the subjects listed, research on the following should be undertaken early and that a sum not less than Rs. 5 lakhs should be provided for this purpose:—

1. Use of recent methods of Encephalography ;
2. Combined clinical and laboratory research ;
3. Drug Provings ;
4. Preventive measures according to homœopathic principles for common infectious diseases.

3. STANDARDISATION OF HOMŒOPATHIC DRUGS

The Committee agreed that, pending the establishment of a separate institution for the purpose of manufacture and standardisation of Homœopathic drugs, the existing well-equipped homœopathic institutions should be entrusted with this work by augmenting, wherever necessary, the existing facilities and equipment, particularly in respect of testing mother tinctures, and for rendering such help as is required to the indigenous manufacture of the homœopathic drugs. It may be necessary to depute suitably qualified students for specialised training abroad in this field.

4. REGULATION OF THE PRACTICE OF HOMŒOPATHY

The Committee was of the opinion that immediate steps should be taken to introduce a system of registration for the regulation of practice of homœopathy for avoidance of quackery and for the prohibition of the award of degrees and diplomas or issue of certificates by any except by institutions recognised for the purpose.

5. UTILISATION OF HOMŒOPATHS IN HEALTH SERVICES

The Committee was of the view that utilisation of homœopathic graduates, who have completed training for degree course, should be considered for employment in health services. However, those who have received training only of the diploma course in recognised institutions, may be considered for employment only after they have had further training for one year in clinical subjects and in preventive medicine.

THE EAST GODAVARI DIST. HOMŒO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' ASSOCIATION, KAKINADA

The General Body Meeting of the East Godavari Dist. Homœo Medical Practitioners' Association was held at Kakina on 2-8-1953 with Dr. Y. Ganapathirao in the chair.

Dr. M. Ramakrishnarao, General Secretary gave a report of the situation of Homœopathy in the country and the work done during the period and then the following resolutions were unanimously passed.

1. Resolved to hold the Provincial Conference after the formation of Andhra Province.
2. Resolved to publish the Homœopathic journal from October 1953.
3. A condolence resolution on the demise of Sree Somini Kameswararao Garu, a veteran Homœopaths of Andhradesh and an Honorary member of the Association was passed and a committee was appointed to see that a

suitable monument was erected in commemoration of his great services to Humanity and Homœopathy.

Dr. P. Ch. Subrahmanyam was at home to the members of the Association.

A DISCUSSION

The Editor,

The Hahnemannian Gleanings, Calcutta.

Sir,

Recently there appeared in the daily "Hindu" of Madras a letter from a correspondent in which a claim was made that India was the soil on which the Law "Similia Similibus Currentur" took its birth. The claim was based on the following quotations from the book "The Principles and Art of cure by Homœopathy" by Dr. Herbert. A. Roberts (1942 Edition).

"This recognition of Law underlying cure is of ancient origin; no one knows when the first recognition of this law crept into use but ancient Hindu Manuscripts recorded its application."

"We often speak of Hahnemann as the first to note the similar action of drugs and disease conditions, but History shows us that this is not so. Ten centuries B.C. the ancient Hindu system of medicine was founded on the theorem, which translated, reads in almost identical words to those Hahnemann used."

The correspondent adds that what the author had in mind must have been the following,

"Samah Samam Samayati"

but does not say from where he has taken the Sanskrit quotation.

It seems a research in regard to this matter will be worthwhile, and it is hoped that a learned Homœopathic Practitioner will throw light on this.

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Yours faithfully,
G. K. S. Sarma.

A SUGGESTION

The Editor,

The Hahnemannian Gleanings; Calcutta.

Dear Sir,

I have carefully gone through the case history of a patient suffering from Epilepsy, given by Dr. H. I. Raisinghani, in the Sept. number of the "Gleanings". In reply to his query about the appropriate remedy for his case under reference, I am writing my humble suggestion by this letter, which I hope your goodself will be kind enough to publish in your esteemed Journal.

The symptom picture of the case, on the whole, seems to me to be well covered by Cuprum Metallicum.

The sudden shriek and falling; tonic and clonic convulsions; Eyes turned upwards; Foams at the mouth; Periodicity of attacks, and looking to the history of onset of the attack, symptoms such as Nocturnal attacks; attacks during sleep etc. are all found under Cuprum. Attack due to or after mental excitement and falling asleep after the attack are also covered by this remedy. It seems to me that if Cuprum had been given from the very beginning, it would have, by now, done an immense good to the patient.

In Boericke's Mat. Med. on page 934 we find the following:—

Epilepsy-Attack preceded by sudden cry:—Cup. M.,
Hydrocy. ac.

References to Dewey's Therapeutics and to Raue's Special Pathology & Therapeutic Hints also confirm the choice of Cuprum Met. as the appropriate, indicated remedy for the case referred to.

I think the most prominent symptom of the case is the sudden painful cry preceding the attack. This and the most of the other symptoms of the case provide clear indications for Cup. M.

It is interesting to note what Dr. Dewey has to say about this remedy in his excellent 'Practical Homœopathic Therapeutics'. He says:

'Dr. Halbert remarks that Cuprum will stop the frequency of the attacks more satisfactorily than any other remedy, it is his sheet-anchor in old and obstinate cases. Butler also claims his best results from this remedy'.

And so my humble suggestion to Dr. Raisinghani is to give Cuprum Metallicum in high potency and in infrequent doses with confidence and with expectation and hope for the best.

Yours faithfully,
Sharad I. Parikh, Morvi

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