

SOME CONSIDERATIONS ON HOMOEOPATHY

INTRODUCTION

The Editor is happy to share his sentiments and views on receiving a very precious letter with an article filled with original ideas and timely warnings to the lovers of Homoeopathy. This article published below is from Belgium and the author is G. Pieters who prefers to avoid the appellation of Doctor.

Quinquina is just born, struggling to survive the teething troubles of the initial stage. And a word of encouragement with a lap on the shoulder by a renowned personality such as Pieters of Belgium gives us a very timely push to carry on the mission in spite of the initial threats. The milk of human kindness and the transparent sincerity mirrored in his letter give us hope to carry on, Pooh-Poohing the murmurs of small-minded sceptics

His article is a timely warning to the timid in this field of Homoeopathy who falter at a superficial drawback and make false judgements on personal weaknesses. Pieters is not a preacher, he has taken immense pains with characteristic patience and perseverance to argue for the clear victory of classical homoeopathy as handed over to us by our great master, the founding father of our system Dr. Hahnemann.

Recently I had a letter from an old class mate of mine at the Homoco College and I would like to quote a portion of it "Every system has its own limitations. In certain cases Allopathy is successful where Homoeopathy proved to be a failure. Once a homoco doctor was forced to refer his case to an allopathic doctor when his system of treatment failed and his reputation was kept in tact only because of this". I am just repeating the words of Pieters G to this classmate of mine who has turned a house wife after completing her course without going into practice. Homoeopathy never fails. The only reason for its failure is the incapacity of the person who administers it. The only reason for its failure is lack of correct knowledge of handling the system. It must be remembered that while trying to keep the reputation of the above doctor in tact, the reputation of this great system of treatment will be tarnished.

The esteemed readers of Quinquina may agree or disagree with the view of the Editor. All the same, it is the privilege of an editor to locate and point out specialities in a particular issue.

Any criticism for or against is quite welcome. Quinquina feels strong enough to stand any adverse remark just as feels encouraged to hear a word of appreciation.

CHIEF EDITOR

From history we can learn that now and then a man is born with an exceptional mind.

A mind that has the capability to observe things more clearly, to analyse these observations more deeply.

A mind with the rare gift to draw right and logic conclusions from what is observed.

Doctor Samuel Hahnemann had such a mind!

Not only was he a learned medical doctor, he also was a diploma holder in chemistry and botany.

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Besides his native German language he also knew Latin, Greek, French, English, Italian and Arabic.

He wrote several books and articles and made also translations in German from foreign books on medicine, chemistry and botany.

He was a bright, brilliant and talented man.

Therefore students who want to learn about homoeopathy should keep this in mind and not underestimate the instructions Doctor Hahnemann gave us in his homoeopathic books.

Allow me to give an example : after seven years of University study you can become an allopathic physician in Belgium.

These seven years of allopathic study will have made a deep impression on the mind of a young doctor.

Now let us suppose he wants also to learn something about homoeopathy.

To master classical Homoeopathy he must do another three years of study. The universities don't teach Homoeopathy, so he must do this in private schools.

After his seven years at the university, he will not have much patience and so may be he will take some quick, superficial courses in Homoeopathy with somewhere in his mind that the teachings of Doctor Hahnemann were written from 1800 till 1843 and so must since long be "outstripped" by modern medical science!

That not every ancient theory is outstripped may be proved by the fact that Isaac Newton discovered gravity around the year 1665 and that the calculations and formulas for gravity laws still stand now a days just the same as Newton made them in 1665. And that these calculations were exact is proved by the successful flights into space the last 30 years and based on Newton's formulas!

Now back to homoeopathy : It is so different from what a young doctor has learned in the allopathic medical university that after a quick and superficial study on homoeopathic theories, he will obtain disappointing results if he tries to cure patients with his superficial knowledge of homoeopathy.

So he will distrust Homoeopathy and may turn away from it for the rest of his life.

And to prove that sometimes the exact theories of doctor Hahnemann are totally disregarded, I want to point to paragraph 273 of Hahnemann's "Organon of Medicine" (6th edition, translation by William Boericke)

The last sentence of 273 teaches : **IT IS ABSOLUTELY NOT ALLOWED IN HOMOEOPATHY, the one true, simple art of healing, TO GIVE THE PATIENT**



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AT ONE TIME TWO DIFFERENT MEDICINAL SUBSTANCES".

So when homoeopathic physicians prescribe multi-medicinal therapeutics we can only deduct that they consider themselves more bright and brilliant than Doctor Hahnemann..... that they know it better?

I know very well myself that I don't have a bright mind.

After some deceptions with allopathic treatment, I decided to learn Homoeopathy.

So I purchased Hahnemann's "Organon of Medicine" (6th edition) and started studying on my own.

I am not ashamed to confess that I had to read the paragraphs very slowly and often several times before understanding what Master Hahnemann was trying to teach the reader.

It was a slow and difficult study. But I really wanted to know homoeopathy and I persisted and kept on studying.

Also I bought the other books of doctor Hahnemann and some more from his most loyal followers and pupils like Boenninghausen, Hering, Allen, Kent, Clarke, Lippe, Boger, Nash, Farrington, Tyler, and also some more recent homoeopathic books by Voegeli, Dorcsi, Voisin, Bernard, Barthel and George Vithoukas.

To understand paragraphs 9, 10, and 11 of Organon of Medicine I had to consult Kent's "Lectures on Homeopathic Philosophy" & 9 is the paragraph where Doctor Hahnemann writes about the immaterial dynamic force that rules our body.

That there was such a force, he came to this by himself from his own process.

Lectures VIII and IX of Kent's Lectures on Homoeopathic Philosophy bring several pages to this subject.

There is an immaterial dynamic force in our body that rules our organism with unbounded sway and keeps all parts of the body in admirable harmonious vital operation.

From a practical point of view it means that while you are reading this article your heart is kept on beating by this immaterial dynamic force.

Now you may say : "It is the sinoatrial node that gives automatic impulses to the heartmuscle to contract."

Of course you are right. But we ask again : "what makes the (S.A. Node) sinoatrial node to give automatic impulses ?"

"It is the tenth brain-nerve, and it can also stimulate or soothe the impulsions on the heartmuscle."

Once again we ask : "and what gives the tenth brain-nerve the energy to stimulate or Soothe these impulsions"?

So we can go on and on, until we come at a point where we must accept the existence of an immaterial dynamic force in our body that rules our organism and all his functions.

It not only causes our heart to beat and circulate our blood all over our body, it also commands our organs to digest the food we took.

It regulates the digestive fluids and decides what is acceptable for our body and what should be evacuated.

It commands the secretions of hormones and lymph to the exact spots in our organism to keep everything in a healthy function.

This dynamic force will also activate our defense system when our body is attacked by morbid bacterias and viruses.

It can send painwarnings through the nerves so that our brain knows that something is out of order and that we better take a rest or stay warmly in bed to give the defense system the opportunity to perform its duty.

The immaterial vital force pervades very cell, keeps the body animated and warm.

It rules every part and operates in an orderly way our mind and will. But when this immaterial dynamic force leaves our body, we must die..... All the organs and parts may be there like before, but there is no longer the dynamic vital force to make perform those parts and organs. A comparison is made to the universe where

stars, sun, earth and moon do not interfere with each other but keep rotations and orbits in an harmonious orderly way.

In Lecture VIII doctor Kent tells us that this harmonious dynamic force comes from the Divine Creator.

We cannot deny that there is an orderly harmonious force making the earth to achieve its orbit around the sun in exactly 365 days 5 hours, 48 minutes and 46 seconds.

Proof of this is our Gregorian Calendar that is based on these time calculations since 1582, compensating the differences each 4 years in adding a day at the end of February. And then there is still a slight difference to be corrigated each 100 years in the years. 1700-1800-1900 (they cannot be divided by 400...)

So if the above proves that the dynamic force coming from the Divine Creator is orderly and harmonious, how can then our body become sick?

Hahnemann also gave some thought to this.

In 12 of the Organon he writes : "It is the morbidly affected vital energy alone that produces disease."

And in same 12 footnote 8 he says : "How the vital force causes the organism to display morbid phenomena, that is, how it produces diseases, it would be of no utility to the physician to know, and will remain forever be concealed from him, only what is necessary for him to know of the disease and what is fully sufficient for enabling him to cure it, has the Lord of life revealed to his senses." So, to doctor Hahnemann it was not important to know how the dynamic vital force can get out of order.

The only thing for him that mattered was that symptoms could be observed. The symptoms of the disease itself and the symptoms that were caused by this disease. Later some of his most loyal pupils added the remark that they had often observed that the cause of the disease could be very important in some cases.

And the observations by the Homoeopathic physician must be completed by the complaints of the patient himself and also if close relatives had remarked some peculiar symptoms.

That was enough for doctor Hahnemann to find the medicine that had produced similar symptoms in the healthy provers : the simillimum.

That homoeopathic medicines cure everytime when I accurately followed doctor Hahnemann's instructions.

But being human, I made mistakes.

I had read Doctor Kent's "Lesser Writings" where on page 485 he writes : "What shall we do when the

homoeopathic laws fails"?

When in a curable patient the given homoeopathic remedy is not acting or produces negative results it is not the fault of homoeopathy, but our own because we administrated a medicine that was not similar enough to cure!

We must have more patience and notice accurately what the given remedy is producing in the patient.

It may be aggravations of the medicine. Doctor Hering teaches us that when symptoms move from the inside to the outside, or when symptoms go from important organs to less important parts, or if symptoms go from upper parts to lower parts; we must have patience because those are positive signs that the remedy is working.

And before giving another medicine it could be wise to try a higher dilution, or in some cases a lower. (This can depend on the patient's constitution).

And when we are relatively sure that we gave the right medicine, we must look in our books for the duration of this medicine and have patience.

When we have prescribed for instance Lycopodium we must know that this medicine has an action up to 40 or 50 days.

And when you administrated Lyc. the evening before and next morning the patient reports no visible changes it is only normal that we must wait until some symptoms of action are noticed.

We can spoil a case by giving another medicine too quickly before it had time to act in the patient.

And for all, stay with both feet on the ground and do not think too soon that you are brighter and more talented than our brilliant teacher Doctor Hahnemann. Try to do exactly like he did and beware for false publicity. ■

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