

## SOME CLINICAL CASES

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In the entire Homoeopathic world, Dr. A.H. Grimmer has the distinction of curing the maximum number of cancer cases. His very fame made many patients stick to him, even when frightened by well wishing friends and other doctors.

The only problem for us, poor fellows, who try to follow him, is that his ultimate choice, of the similium was based on the patient's blood. Now this method varies from one practitioner to other, so much that it looks as if it is some personal "gift" of the doctor. What exactly was his method, dowsing, Radiesthesia, Pendulum, Polarimeter, etc.—has not been learnt by others. If there is any in India who has known *His* method, I shall be happy to learn from him.—S.P.K.

66. **Case I** : L.D. A., age 50 years, June 27, 1938. Sar-coma of mouth and gums following a tooth extraction, diagnosis from Biopsy and clinical aspects. Not only were the gums ulcerated and swollen but the whole affected side of the face was enormously swollen presenting the well-known "Frog Face" appearance, the cervical and sub-lingual glands were enlarged and the patient could with great difficulty open his mouth the space of a lead pencil.

The family history was good and in no way significant ; he had always enjoyed good health, having always been free of infections and venereal disease.

There was no definite symptomology to base a homoeopathic prescription on, unless the recent surgical injury following extraction with curettment and scraping of the bony processes of the jaw might be used as an irritating factor.

Radium and X-ray were advised, with possibly more extensive surgery, by the dental specialist who attended the case. But this was refused by the patient on the advice of his family physician who, having no therapeutic symptomology to prescribe on, sent him to me for a remedy to be selected over the patient's blood.

*Symphytum Officinale* came through and that remedy, given in the 10M and 50M potencies at well spaced intervals of from one to three months apart, cured this case completely in the space of a year.

This case continues to report to me at intervals for a sinus condition of a rather mild catarrhal nature for which *Carbo Veg.* has been prescribed since Sep. 11, 1939 to the present time.

The same intervals of time have elapsed in a series of potencies of *Carbo Veg.* from the 10M to the CM. which was given on April 1, 1940. He will now be turned back to the physician who sent him to me cured entirely within the space of two years.

This case presents a classical cure with the single remedy given in a series of potencies at properly spaced intervals. Unfortunately we see relatively few showing such happy action.

67. **Case II** : Miss. D., Aug. 12, 1929. Carcinoma of breast of two years' standing, diagnosis confirmed by biopsy. Has been under good homoeopathic treatment but the breast is about one-third uncerated away and the patient has lost weight and colour, but has suffered little pain. Under continuous treatment by remedies selected over the blood (this also is a referred case from another homoeopathic physician) this patient has carried on actively for eleven years. Her breast is nealed but her bones are weakened and break very easily, X-ray now shows cancerous. Under the action of a number of remedies, chief of which was *Cadmium Iod* and *Cadmium Met.*, *Samarskite*, *Alum. Silica*, *Graph.* and the last remedy *Kali Thio Cyn.*, the patient's breast has entirely healed and remains without pain ; but because of the weakend bones, she must now be kept very quiet and avoid physical exertion of all kinds.

This is a case of advanced cancer where deep changes in the blood and tissue have ultimated ; rarely if ever do we find one remedy sufficient to cope with such conditions, generally a series of deep homoeopathic constitutional remedies are required and these can be best selected over the blood of the patient.

The more I see of cancer the more convinced I become that our greatest use must come in the field of prevention, treating the pre-cancer stage by careful homoeopathic prescribing, especially in the children and young adults.

One thing more that must strike every homosopath is the wonderful advantage that must accrue to the race where three successive generations could be blessed with real homoeopathic treatment. Not only cancer but the ground-work on which cancer grows, tuberculosis, could be entirely eradicated with three generation of consecutive homoeopathic treatment.

One of the things we might do with great profit to the future of the race is to organize our patients into a group looking ahead to the time and with the object of having homoeopathic uniting with homoeopaths that better, happier and healthier children may be born into the world.

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## DISCUSSION

**Dr. Stevens :** I am glad Dr. Grimmer had biopsy for that case of cancer of the mouth, for that is one of the cases where people of the old school would say, "It wasn't it".

**Dr. Hubbard :** I would like to ask a question. I was very much impressed with Dr. Grimmer's paper, as all were, but I wondered if very often, when we have been on homoeopathic remedies, we get bone metastasis. I have been under the impression that we didn't get it, that it stayed fairly localized.

68. **Dr. Dixon :** I felt like rising to my feet and telling about an old lady approaching her eightieth birthday now, who

nine years ago had an ulcerated tooth and didn't go to the dentist with it. She was proud of her own teeth at seventy-one, and she still has them, but she developed a swelling which included the whole lower maxillary jaw. Her face was swollen enormously.

In her case, I remember the remedy was *Silica*, and I had quite a time holding the patient because of the opposition from the family, who almost insisted that the whole jaw should be excised or a surgeon brought in. We cleared that up under the one remedy, *Silica*. The woman is well today, after nearly nine years. There is no swelling in that jaw, not a bit.

**Dr. Sink :** I would like to ask if there was pus in that case or tissue change.

**Dr. Dixon :** There was pus early in the case, yes, and the lower jaw was really swollen three inches across there. It was a terrible thing. Unlike Dr. Grimmer, I did not have any laboratory findings on it, but it came up so rapidly I was sure it was sarcoma, and I rather think yet it was.

**Dr. Moore :** I don't have any of these cases coming to me, but I had a patient in one of my families where I have been treating them more or less homoeopathically, and this woman had some rectal growth and wanted to know to whom to go. I proposed a rectal specialist. She went to that one, and went to a second one, two of our practologists, and they both said it was cancer of the rectum. There was no biopsy, but she came away from the office of this second man and broke her hip, so she was not operated on as the man had intended. He had intended short-circuiting the bowel, and he gave her six months to live.

She never got over the broken hip. She is still bedfast. But under the homoeopathic remedy she has no rectal trouble at all. She is eating well and getting along the good shape, and it is two years this month since she had that diagnosis.

**Dr. Dixon.** What is the remedy ?

**Dr. Moore.** *Nitric Acid* was the leading remedy there. That was given on local symptoms largely, not many constitutional. But she also had one or two other remedies.

**Dr. Grimmer.** Dr. Hubbard brought up a nice point there. According to our philosophy, our remedies cure from within out, from centre to circumference. The chronic disease works the inverse way. The answer to her question is plain. Remedies are not sufficient to control the chronic trend. They merely hold it or slow it up. This is one of those incurable cases that will eventually die of cancer.

However, I do think that we are on the verge of binding other remedies that are more applicable to the cancer state after it has been plainly settled, and that yet we will get remedies by our constant search for them, and new remedies are coming in, unproven remedies, however, which later can be proven.

A layman on the coast, who is associated with Dr. Enstam, a very ardent homoeopathic student and a chemist and engineer, has sent me several preparation of complex sodium combinations that when potentized and tested over the blood have shown strong cancer reactions in correspondence to the polarity of cancer, and clinically they have brought a number of apparent cures which will be later reported. So we are really getting a number of new remedies that, when they are sufficiently confirmed, will be reported to the society and given to them.

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