

Malaria and Homoeopathy.

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CASE No. 1.

.....Debi—aged 20 years ; of Maheshpur.

Fair complexion, mild temperament, thinly built. Got severe fever on 4-8-30.

Symptoms :—Severe chill at about 9 A. M. accompanied with great thirst for large quantity of water. Fear of chill. Vomiting of water and bile after chill passes. Chill was followed by great heat with great thirst and great prostration. The temperature rising up to 106°. Then a little sweat on the fore-head lowering the temperature to 103°. Then fresh chill with cold extremities, fresh heat, and vomiting, fresh rise of temperature to 106° with usual thirst and prostration. Every period from chill to sweat covering 2½ hours. After four such periods—the fever subsided and finally left. There was constant dry cough without the least cessation throughout the whole paroxysm. The vigour of cough sometimes brought involuntary urination. Bowels clear, no head-ache, urine sometimes profuse, at others scanty. Very weak and emaciated. Pain in the abdomen. Could not stand erect owing to a drawing pain in the uterine region. On the slightest movement saw yellow sparks before the eyes.

Medicine :—Natum 200, 3 globules dry on the tongue after the whole paroxysm. The effect was magical—cured the malady on the next day not to relapse again.

[This was not a septic case, nor puerperal but its periods mark the peculiarity of the case.]

CASE No 2.

Netai Kahar's mother-in-law of Natima.

A lady of 45 years ; of dark colour, fatty build and mild disposition ; was ill on 7-8-32.

Got fever in the morning with chill, heat and great thirst for large quantity of water drinking every 15 or 20 minutes. A few minutes after every drink she vomited water. Intolerable burning and extreme restlessness. Rolling on the cold floor; always pouring cold water on the body for burning. Purging 18 to 20 times during 24 hours. Stool watery, scanty and of obnoxious smell. Could not bear light, loud sound or strong smell.

Medicine :—Phos 30, which brought partial relief for a day. She vomited one *Ascaris Lumbricoides*, measuring about 15 inches. I waited for a day. But all the symptoms came back with redoubled vigour. Then depending on extreme restlessness and the character of the stool, I gave Arsenic 3x which cured her in a day.

[Arsenic patients want heat and drink little quantity of water. Moreover they vomit as soon as they drink. But in this case symptoms were more for Phos which failed. Perhaps Arsenic being complementary to Phosphorus, cured. I got three such cases and applied Ars. 3x on the very first day on the strength of my previous experience and all of them were cured by a single dose of Arsenic.]

CASE No. 3.

Ganganarayan Ray Ukil's second son, of Maheshpur.

The boy suffered from malaria more than two months. First, he was treated by a Kaviraj, then by a Homœopath and then by an Allopathic doctor of good reputation. But the fever could not be controlled and it was given out to be Kala-azar. The doctor recommending for Kala-azar injections—costing probably a few hundred rupees in course of 4 or 5 months of injections, Ganga Babu came to me and made over his son's charge to me.

The boy was aged 12 years, was very thin with enlarged spleen and liver. The enlargement was so great that there

was not an inch of empty space in the abdomen. His sensorium was involved. If any question was put to him he would only say—"Take me home please—to my home." He will speak of nothing else. But he would go on walking from one room to another though with great difficulty. The fever came on at about 12 or 1 P. M. with a rise of temperature to 103°. In the morning it fell to 100°. As soon as fever came on—he would lie quietly on the bed, would not stir, but drink large quantity of water every now and then. He was badly constipated, passing hard stool after every three or four days. Coughed a little now and then without the least expectoration. He was extremely emaciated and was very fond of eating rice which he would try to eat secretly when left in the same room with him.

Treatment—Bryonia 30—which did not in the least do good. Then Sulphur 30—which also could do nothing. Then again I studied symptoms and it appeared to me to be a pure Bryonia Case—which I administered in the 200th potency but with no better result. I was confounded. I waited 2 days giving placebo and studied the case over and again. Finally it came to me as a flash that the boy was running towards phthisis. So, as my last resource, I gave him Tuberculinum Bov. 200 1 dose, and what my surprise was to see him cured within a week—his spleen and liver vanishing as in magic and after a fortnight—I found him strong, healthy and robust. The father declared that he was better than what he had been before the attack. He is keeping well without a single complaint these 3 years.

CASE No. 4.

Baidyanath Roy of Manderberia :—

A young man of 22 years, dark colour, strong build, mild temperament but pulled down to the extreme for fever. Had Allopathic treatment for three months—but to no purpose.

Symptoms :—His paroxysm came generally at about 3 or 4 P.M. sometimes in the evening. It began with chill with thirst—followed by heat with thirst. Hacking cough every now and then. The peculiarity of the case was that, he was in sweat as long as he was asleep and as soon as he woke up there was no sweat. Bowels clear, but head-ache throughout. There was no other complaint except enlarged spleen.

Treatment :—Thuja 200 one dose, 3 globules dry on the tongue, and placebo for 4 days. It stopped the fever and relieved the cough a bit but head-ache continued. Then administered 1 dose of Natrum 200 and waited for 7 days. It relieved but did not cure. Then Natrum 50 M. was given which cured everything but the sweat relapsed. Then Thuja 50 M. completed the cure. For want of other high potencies, I had to go so far as 50 M. 1 M. might have been sufficient.

CASE No. 5.

A girl of 3 years :—Fair complexion, of jolly habit and fatty build. Had an attack of fever on 8-3-30. Fever paroxysm at about 8 A. M. with great shivering, cold extremities and thirst for large quantity of water. Great heat afterwards when she fell asleep—temperature rising up to 106°5—then perspiration and full remission. But on the next day fever would begin at about 2-30. P. M. with neither great shivering nor great heat—temperature rising up to 103°. But the fever continued till the next morning when on a temperature of 100°, violent paroxysm would come at 8 A. M. with chill and heat and rise of temperature to 106°5, with subsequent full remission. The peculiarity was that the fever left altogether on the day when the paroxysm was high but it continued throughout the next day when the fever was comparatively low.

Treatment :—Seeing, thirst for great quantity of water almost in every stage and the time of paroxysm, I

administered Natrum 200 but to no effect. Then waiting for 2 days I administered Nux 200 which completely cured. The thirst misguided me, I should have calculated that generally Nux has this kind of Double-Tertian fever which Natrum has not. When closing between Nux and Natrum, my choice should have fallen on Nux on this strength rather than on Natrum.

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Dr. Julia M. Green, M. D. and ourselves. The readers of our Journal will be delighted to hear that another eminent homœopath in the person of Dr. Julia M. Green has kindly consented to act as a *Foreign Contributing Editor* of our Journal. Dr. Green is the President of the International Hahnemannian Association of America and occupies an enviable position in the world of Homœopathy. By erudition, culture and knowledge of Homœopathy she has won for herself an international name and fame and as such the acquisition of this noted stalwart of our fraternity to our side will be considered to be a signal honour by us and will eventually enhance the popularity and integrity of our Journal to a considerable extent. We take this opportunity of expressing our heart-felt thanks to Dr. Julia M. Green for the help vouchsafed to us.

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