

reaping the fruits of his Tapasya. Millions of people are getting enamoured of Homœopathy whose future is extremely bright. Let us pay our grateful homage to this greatest benefactor of mankind and let us pledge ourselves today that we shall keep his candle burning for ever.

HOMŒOPATHY AND CHRONIC DISEASES

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Homœopathy is a system of medicine founded by Samuel Hahnemann about 150 years ago and is based on the law of cure Similia Similibus Curentur or like cures like.

This system of medicine brought about a revolution in the medical world because it discovered a new law of cure and devised a new method of preparation of remedies. Prior to the discovery of homœopathy, the cure of chronic diseases was in the realm of uncertainty. Blood letting was rampant and suppression of acute diseases by allopathic drugs was the order of the day. Chronic diseases which increased with the suppression of acute ones, were borne with resignation as they were thought to be incurable.

With the advent of Homœopathy, the situation began to improve, but slowly, as many antagonistic forces were pitted against it, which Hahnemann had to contend with singlehanded. But he kept aloft the banner of truth under which gathered many of his eminent disciples who carried the light of homœopathy far and wide to other countries.

Hahnemann had to work assiduously for full twelve years to complete the homœopathic mode of cure of chronic diseases. He found out that the miasm of Psora alone or in combination with that of Syphilis or sycosis had been the cause of all chronic diseases under which humanity groaned. He, therefore, proved remedies which

contained in them the picture of these miasms and with the help of these remedies he brought the cure of chronic diseases within the sphere of possibility.

Chronic diseases usually take longer time for their cure as they exhibit a complicated array of symptoms which have to be knocked out by a series of well-selected remedies administered one after the other. The patient should choose his Doctor with care and having done so should give him full time and co-operation. The Doctor should always try to explain to the patient the homœopathic law of cure as well as the manner in which chronic diseases are cured homœopathically.

The common belief that a man is healthy unless he has organic defects is not always true. Disease begins in the system long before it produces structural changes and is known by a set of morbid signs and symptoms present in the case. It is best and safest to have it cured homœopathically at this stage in a short time. No other system of medicine can treat diseases at this stage, because they are all handicapped for lack of a diagnosis without which they have only to wait and watch. The excellence of the homœopathic system of treatment can be gauged from the fact that even in this preliminary stage of the disease when a diagnosis is not possible, it can, through its method of symptom-similarity, fit a remedy to the patient and bring about a radical cure.

Even when the disease has advanced and has produced pathological changes in the system, homœopathy is again the system of treatment which holds out hopes of a complete cure, provided the disease has not progressed into an incurable condition and provided also the patient is willing to allow his physician sufficient time to restore him to health.

The cure of chronic diseases requires for the physician a skill of the highest order consisting in constant vigilance and alertness, sympathy along with firmness, knowledge of the human nature and a thorough study of the homœo-

pathic materia medica and diseases as well as the science of homœopathy. In order that the patient derives the maximum benefit from his doctor he should have full confidence in him and give him his complete co-operation. He should not evince an early sign of impatience or nervousness if his old suppressed symptoms or diseases return, because this is the way in which homœopathic cures of chronic diseases take place. Old symptoms have disappeared because newer ones have taken their place and their reappearance is a sure sign of the correctness of the remedy prescribed, as well as of the fact that the patient is on the road to recovery. At times it happens that owing to lack of this knowledge, the patient leaves, to his great detriment, his physician when success is within easy grasp.

Incurable chronic diseases also offer a fertile field for homœopathic remedies to show their pain-killing and palliative powers. The utmost that the patient desires in such cases is 'euthanasia' which is peaceful death and this also Hahnemann's homœopathy provides for, with his remedies applied under the law of similars, much better than the old school anodynes etc.

SOMETHING CONCERNING CHOLERA

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Homœopathy teaches us to cure not only the known diseases, but also those which were unknown before, so that we may truly claim for it the quality of being progressive. Hahnemann antedated science; and his prophetic eye discerned "the dawn that was to brighten into the most brilliant day of medical art." The grand success of Dr. Rubini, of Naples, in treating five hundred and ninety-two cases of cholera with Camphor verified the prediction