

200, and the rise subsided by and by, leaving my patient quite healthy within a short time. This proved that *Ars. alb.* follows well after *Kreosote*.

### CHOLERA CURED BY VARIOLINUM ?

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A young robust man aged 34 of firm fibre and exceptionally strong constitution, a resident of Baghbazar, Calcutta, fell a victim to an attack of severe type of Cholera on Tuesday, the 9th March 1931 at 1 A. M. I was called in at 2 A. M. and a friend of mine Dr. Benoy Chatterjee was also summoned by 5 A. M.

The patient was vomiting and passing stool every 2 or 3 minutes and by 3 A. M. his pulse disappeared in the wrist. The patient's condition was rapidly changing from bad to worse and we had to alter our remedies every now and then to combat with the diverse symptoms. As far as I can remember, the following remedies were tried in order :—

- (1) *Veratrum Alb.* 30 for :—
  - (a) Facies hippocratica.
  - (b) Simultaneous vomiting and purging in excessive amounts.
  - (c) Sudden setting in of the collapse stage.
  - (d) Unquenchable thirst.
  - (e) Cramps of the lower extremities with coldness of the entire body.
  - (f) History of having done severe exertion in a marriage ceremony on Sunday, the 7th March 1931. ( i. e., 2 days previously ).
- (2) *Nux. Vom.* 30 for :—
  - (a) History of night keeping two days previously.
  - (b) Chilly patient.
  - (c) Cramps in the extremities.
- (3) *Ars. Alb.* 30 for :—
  - (a) Sudden onset and rapid sinking of vital force.

- (b) Extreme restlessness with Precordial distress.
  - (c) Severe thirst, dry tongue and fear of death.
  - (d) Burning of the stomach and intestines with cramps in the different parts of the body.
- (4) *Ferr. Phos. 30* for :—
- (a) Profuse blood in stool. (A single dose stopped the blood).
  - (b) Robust full-blooded nervous patient.
  - (c) Quick pulse with rapid exhaustion.
- (5) *Acon. N. 3X* for :—
- (a) Intense pain in the abdomen with severe thirst and restlessness.
  - (b) Quick pulse. (150 per min.)
  - (c) Dyspnoea and cyanosis.
  - (d) Suppression of urine.
- (6) *Nicotine 30* for :—
- (a) Death-like pallor of face.
  - (b) Hot body with icy cold extremities.
  - (c) Blurred vision.
  - (d) Cramps of the cervical and facial muscles.
  - (e) Clonic spasms with hiccough.

Gentlemen, all the aforesaid well indicated remedies failed to elicit any permanent effect and the patient was sinking fast. When such was the condition and when our last ray of hope to save the patient's life was about to be absorbed in the black night of despair, a ray of inspiration flashed across the deepening darkness and revealed an outlet of escape—we took the history of the patient afresh and off we went to our 'guru'—a silent worker in the cause of Homœopathy and a true follower of the great master (Hahnemann)—I mean Dr. Bejoy Chandra Sinha with the following :—

- (a) Suffered from Small Pox in the year 1921.
- (b) Attacks of Dysentery off and on from that time.
- (c) Collapse stage of Cholera.

After a great deliberation he gave us 2 tiny globules of Variolinum 1000 in an empty phial to be inhaled by the patient for 3 minutes only. It was 9 P. M. in the night when the medicine was administered and by 5 A. M. the patient who was tottering on the brink of the grave showed signs of recovery and micturated for the first time after the attack of Cholera, and the patient was completely brought round in less than a week without any further medication.

This case is recorded with a view that it would serve as an eye-opener to many a Tom, Dic, and Harry like ourselves who fight with grandiloquent expressions and sesquipedalian phraseologies about the Posology of Homœo. remedies, who prescribe 101 globules in single dose to no effect and quote many authorities to justify their administration, who fight for theory and theory alone but are quite unmindful of its practical application.

From this record we also see that our aim in the treatment should be not only to cure the disease but the patient as well. We at first tried to cure the disease 'Cholera' and we failed, but later when we tried to cure the patient (of all his ailments both past and present) our efforts were crowned with success.

It is in the hope of throwing a little light into the dismal darkness of Posology and treatment that these lines are sent to the press.

[The case is highly worth publishing. Those that see too much actually see too little. The attending physicians were doing what we all ordinarily do. But it was for the master—Dr. B. C. Sinha to see at once the latent process of degeneration in the patient ever since the attack of smallpox in 1921. This is the work of a true seer. Administration of the remedy through olfaction, though highly recommended by Hahnemann, has never been put to practice, except perhaps by Dr. Sinha. "A silent worker in the cause of Homoeopathy & a true follower of the great Master (Hahnemann)",—true words these are.—Editor.]