

CLINICAL CASES.

PROFUSE METORRHAGIA REPLACED BY INTERMITTENT FEVER.

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Sm.....Dasi, a Kayastha widow of about 35 years, of late putting up for medical treatment at the house of some Aghore Dasi at Kundu Chawdhury Lane, Calcutta. She looked very weak and extremely emaciated when she came to my office in the morning of 20. 8. 30. Though a few other patients were sitting by me, I paid her my immediate earnest attention and enquired of her present ailments. She appeared to have once been in easier circumstances, and very mildly but slowly gave me the following history of her case, and I took it down in her own words, of course occasionally putting a few questions to draw out the modalities :--

"Had irregular menses for last three years lasting 8 to 10 days with profuse flow all the days ;--such for 3/4 months in the year ; last three months immediately before her present fevers, she had almost continued profuse flow ;--was stopped by Allopathic medicine ; took many injections for stopping these discharges ; after stoppage of these discharges, fever appeared which Allopathic medicines could not stop ; fever every day at about 2 p.m.--lasts whole night ; no thirst at all ; does not like noise and sound ; Constipation--passes stools 3/6 days apart ; highest fever paroxysm about 102 or 103° ; no appetite ; great headache at the time of fever ; does not like open air ; likes salt and red pepper ; food and drink must be warm ; prefers hot drinks ; headache not ameliorated by cold ; no liking for bath ; husband's character was not so good--was a drunkard and died of blood-vomiting ; after 2 a.m. her legs from knees down burn ; she opens them but feels cold, and covers them again ; at the time of fever, water is like poison--she cannot touch it if she does so, she gets great horripilation and goose-flesh ; all pains are relieved by heat ; since the appearance of the fever for the last 20 days, blood discharges have ceased altogether."

On 20. 8. 30. I gave her 4 doses of *Ars. 30* for 2 days to be used every three hours in the morning. She returned on 22. 8. 30. and reported that she had no fever at all on 21. 8. 30. Nevertheless, I gave her further 3 doses of *Ars. 30*, to be used one dose in the morning, for 3 days. When she returned on 25. 8. 30. she looked pretty cheerful, and said that she had no more fever since it left on 21. 8. 30, that her appetite was a little improved and that the bowels were less obstinate, and I gave her one dose of *Ars. 200*, and asked her to see me after a week. When she came back on 4. 9. 30. she looked decidedly better in every way and strongly desired to go home in the mofussil, and so I had to dismiss her with another dose of *Ars.* of no higher a potency than the 200th only.

Note—(1) Besides the symptoms recorded, the reason why *Ars.* was preferred was the *alternation of states* as revealed by the profuse metrorrhagia being replaced by the consuming intermittent fever.

(2) As the patient was very weak and greatly emaciated, so much so that she was almost unable to move, I had to begin the treatment of this chronic case with the 30th potency only to avoid medicinal aggravation.

(3) Even at the time of dismissal, I did not dare to employ a potency higher than 200th, apprehending that a higher potency than the 200th might bring back her metrorrhagia and thereby would compel her, for radical cure, to remain at Calcutta for a longer period than her pecuniary circumstances permitted.

(4) As the metrorrhagia could not be brought back, owing to circumstances noted above, it cannot be said that she has been *radically* cured.

DECLARED LEPROSY

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Debendra Nath Das, aged 32 years, of 18, Chunapatty Busti, had been suffering from a serious attack of Leprosy which resulted from maltreated Syphilis and excessive abuse of mercury for about the last four years.

First he put himself under the treatment of one of my Allopathic friends of the locality. He gave him a few injec-