

## CLINICAL CASES.

### DECLARED TUBERCULOSIS.

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Srimati Radharani Debi,—wife of Sj.....Banerjee, Vidyanandapur, Huguli, aged 23, mother of 4 children, had in 1928 right-sided pneumonia, and got eventually cured under Allopathic treatment for a pretty long time. It took more than 5 weeks to get over her acute conditions, and though she was apparently well after 2 months or so, yet she felt within herself that she was rather gradually declining than regaining her former health. The husband is a high Government official and so could very easily get the services of many renowned physicians of the town, who were all of one opinion that Tuberculosis was ahead, and most of them advised "change" to a high altitude. The patient was kept for a long time, in Kurseong, Darjeeling, and many other healthy stations, but to very little or no effect. At last in March 1929, she was brought down to Calcutta, and an experienced physician (now retired from the Government Medical service) having suggested my name, she was placed under my treatment. Before doing so, the good husband got her examined by a noted physician—a lung expert—who not only confirmed the previous opinion of the profession, but also declared that there was hardly any chance of cure, the case having advanced during the "change." However, I noted the following symptoms which were all clear cut :

The patient though a bit emaciated looked gay and cheerful, and apparently not much pulled down. Good appetite, though felt heaviness in the abdomen towards noons and afternoons, and would some days get acid risings towards evenings. She was a chilly patient, incessant coughing was there which would aggravate just after lying in the evening, but lying was the only position she would desire as all other positions were uncomfortable. She could not lie except to the left side. The pains were all stitching in the sides of the chest,

mostly on the right chest all over. Heat would ameliorate her as a whole patient as well as on the painful spots, could not take milk, for it would produce flatulence. Fever—99° to 100° all night. She felt intensely weak and helpless towards the dawn,—when all along in her life used to be cheerful and would play on her piano. She could sing very well, but owing to her illness she had to leave off the use of vocal chords, and playing on the piano had also to be abandoned, as she felt decidedly worse towards the latter part of the night. Stools quite irregular,—mostly loose and undigested, and she would be quite drenched in perspiration especially when at stool.

The above array of symptoms indicated Kali Carb and the similarity was so much satisfactory, that had the indicated medicine not been Kali Carb, I would have thought of giving 1 M at once. But I know fully well that Kali Carb 1 M at the start would fearfully aggravate, and so I gave her 200th in 6 graduated doses distributed over 6 weeks. The response was splendid as was expected. In course of 2 months there was no fever,—coughing less incessant, and the patient *felt* she was gaining rather than losing as formerly, the improvement was however not gradual, and it stopped at the end of the third month, I repeated 500th single dose. The previous thread of improvement was caught up, and my patient began feeling better and better, when unfortunately a drowning accident in the family gave a set back, and the victim having been her brother's son she got a heavy shock, the brunt of the bereavement having worn off within a month or so, she improved by and by, so that by the end of the 6th month all the painful symptoms were no more, except a bit of weakness and occasional flushing with drenching perspiration. I forgot to mention that this flushing was very much inconvenient symptom for a long time, which now stood out rather boldly. It was a feeling as if the whole blood-current in her system suddenly coursed upwards, making her for the moment absolutely helpless and weak, and within, say, 10 to 15 seconds, a pool of perspiration issued out from the upper

portion and she distinctly felt as if the course of blood that mounted up was thus transformed into the copious sweat. This was tormenting to her, and from occasional it became frequent, so that she would pitiously request me to cure this flushing, as I called it. In the meantime the action of 500th potency wore off, and I gave her a dose of Carbo veg 1 M, which lessened the flushing by and by and eventually cured. This medicine being a complementary to Kali Carb, the action was very sweet and mild. I had to give another dose of Kali Carb—10 M, 4 months after,—which cured the case permanently. They say it is a wonderful cure, and cannot be expected in any other than Homœopathy.

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