

CLINICAL CASES.

CAN HOMŒOPATHY CURE APPENDICITIS ?

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Babu Kamala Kanta Charkrabarty, aged about 29 years of 2, Hari Mohan Roy Lane, a clerk under the North British and Mercantile Insurance Co., Ltd., Calcutta, came to me one day in July last for the treatment of his daughter who had been suffering from infantile diarrhoea and in course of conversation asked me "CAN HOMŒOPATHY CURE APPENDICITIS ?" In answer to that I quoted the lines, "Homœopathy cures the sick appendix and thus renders operative interference unnecessary in all but very exceptional cases." He did not attach much importance to my words until I showed him the records of cases cured by Homœopathic medicine laid down in Dr. P. C. Majumder's "Appendicitis curable by medicine". He then desired treatment of his chronic Appendicitis from which he had been suffering for more than a year or so. He said that he would implicitly obey my injunctions that might be given along with the course of treatment.

I took down his case as reported by him :—"One year back he had much pain all over the abdomen. He was treated by Dr. Roy, M. B. of Sibtola lane, and an appendicular inflammation was suspected. Treatment was made with medicines and blisters which had been to no purpose. Finding no relief he advised him to get examined by Dr. Benerjee in the out-door Department of the Calcutta Medical College Hospital. Accordingly, he went there on the 8th November, 1929, for proper diagnosis of his disease. There he was examined by Dr. Basu and Dr. Banerjee as a special case. They unanimously declared it to have been a case of Appendicitis. They not only confirmed the previous opinion but also advised him to undergo an operation, without which, they said, there was no hope of permanent cure. The patient

did not at all like the idea of operation. So before being a victim to the Surgeon's knife he made up his mind to give a trial to Homœopathy. He placed himself under the treatment of one of our old and eminent Homœopaths of this city. He treated him for 6 weeks but to no effect. He gave him Cinnabaris 200, and Con. Mac. 200. Subsequently he went to another old Homœopath on 29. 6. 30. He treated him for two weeks without any benefit. His prescription could not be known. Then he stopped all medicines and practically remained without any treatment whatever for some time.

Present condition and symptoms:—Great tympanitic distension of abdomen. Frequent ineffectual desire to evacuate the bowels. A painful tumor in McBurney's point. Much pain on pressure over the affected part. Ardent character; irritable, impatient temperament; inclined to get angry; trifling matters unbearable; even harmless words offend. Much addicted to smoking and to patent medicines. Feels sleepy in the evening hours before bed-time and awakes at 3 or 4 A. M., then wants to sleep late in the morning, < mental work, after eating, uncovering, cold air, > warm room, on covering, after stool. I gave him Nux. Vom 30. one dose, morning and evening, for 5 days. Improved in every respect. Tumor much reduced and softer. Placebo for 5 days. No more improvement. Felt worse in the evening. Much flatulence from 4 P. M. to 9 P. M. No appetite for food and only a few mouthfuls filled him up to the throat. One dose of Lycopodium 200 and placebo for one week. After a week he came to me with a smiling face to report his speedy cure. I examined him again. No tumor could be found. For the satisfaction of the patient, I kept him under placebo for a fortnight. No relapse as yet. Now the patient is a true lover of Homœopathy.

[I would call it a good Homœopathic cure. It is only Homœopathy that can cure, if there are symptoms to prescribe upon. Surgeon's knife cannot cure, but can only avoid the ultimate.—Ed.]