

PATIENT-WORTHINESS of the present-day Homoeopathic Medical Profession

We often hear some one speaking about the airworthiness of a plane or the road-worthiness of a car - that is, the technical perfection compatible with safety and speed at the optimum operational level.

In a similar view the physician, whose professional career is committed to the welfare of his patients, is bound to be patient-worthy since the principles and practice of homoeopathy affords the doctor the convenience and comfort of achieving amazing therapeutic results, through constitutional treatment of his patients, commensurate with the degree of intellectual and professional excellence he displays in studying, understanding and solving the health problems the patient presents.

Humanism, humility and honesty characterised Dr. Hahnemann's fifty-two year independent scientific pursuit (1790 to 1842 A. D.) at a point of time in the history of medicine when he was greeted by the medical profession itself in general only with a ridicule!

Dr. Hahnemann and his faithful followers soon became patient-worthy by the exercise of the Science and Art of homoeopathy. The system of medicine so founded is an ever-shining living monument to the great genius of Dr. Hahnemann who dared to be wise and at the end of his 88-year fruitful life desired that the inscription on his tomb should read: "I did not live in vain"

That Homoeopathy is 'a large untapped gold mine' as regards the richness of the therapeutic potential - far and wide - is accepted without reservation even by those general

and specialist practitioners of modern medicine who have the opportunity of witnessing homoeopathic cures.

The homoeopathic medical profession has a wide armamentarium of proved drugs at its disposal, the drugs having stood the acid test of time extending over a period of nearly two centuries with proven therapeutic efficacy in the hands of the competent physicians. Well meant and judicious employment of drugs in close conformity with the principles always lead to the desired therapeutic result, cure or palliation depending on the clinical status of the patient. It needs to be clearly emphasized that incompetence leads to injudicious employment of drugs which result in injury and sometimes irreparable damage to the patients, proving the truth of the Boydian statement that what is powerful for good is equally potent for evil, though well-meant but injudiciously employed.

It is the clinical experience of innumerable number of homoeopathic physicians all over the world that every clinical condition manifesting only as disturbance in function, sensation or feeling without change in structure of organs or systems in every area of medical practice ranging from psychiatry, sexual dysfunction, behavioural problems to paediatrics, obstetrics and gynaecology, geriatrics, endocrinology, neurology, dermatology, dentistry, Otorhino laryngology, Ophthalmology systemic disorders of every description, legitimately comes under the jurisdiction of homoeopathic therapeutics.

Even clinical conditions presenting struct-

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tural changes, the pathology of which has not too far progressed to the stage of irreversibility also respond well to a carefully planned homoeopathic therapeutic programme very often resulting in a perfect and permanent cure.

Patients suffering from intractable and incurable stage of a disorder, where every known upto date therapeutic measure including radical surgical treatment and radio-therapy at times proved later only to be more grievous than enduring the disease, were known to have been greatly benefitted by judicious homoeopathic treatment which brought about excellent and peaceful palliation even to the extent of euthanasia.

Patients who are the victims of chronic clinical states refractory to all kinds of so-called scientific and ultra-modern treatment of circuitous, repetitive, unsafe and positively harmful nature are now compelled to be in constant search for doctors capable of helping them through homoeopathic treatment. It goes without saying that a homoeopathic physician establishes the clinical diagnosis after carrying out all the necessary investigations in every case for obvious reasons.

The day is not far off, when patients themselves plead with their attending physicians to seriously consider whether homoeopathic treatment would benefit them better than the useful prick and-pill methods of which they feel very much vexed.

It is increasing day to-day experience of the doctors and their patients to question themselves that if not homoeopathy what alternate curative/palliative treatment is any where available for brain-fever and its after effects, epilepsy, sick headaches, problem-child [or even a problem-spouse] keloids, corns, warts, asthma, tonsils, adenoids, aller-

gies, calcanean spur, piles, hysteria, duodenal ulcer, fistulae, sinusitis etc., an unending list of disorders successfully treated for a permanent cure by homoeopathy-therapeutic results consistent with the successful employment by the ardent practitioners of the homoeopathic medicines as well as just expectations of the patients seeking help from homoeopathy. Therefore failures in homoeopathy have got to be attributed not to the system of medicine, but to the incompetence of the individual doctor and such failures are the worst ones in medical practice. Every conscientious physician, before and after the day's work finds it worth meditating for a couple of minutes every day the following Medical Litany by Sir Robert Hutchison (1871-1960) one-time consulting physician to London Hospital and President of the Royal college of Physicians.

"From inability to leave well alone;
From too much zeal for what is new and contempt for what is old;
From putting knowledge before wisdom,
science before art, cleverness before commonsense;
From treating patients as cases and
From making the cure of a disease more grievous than its endurance;
GOOD LORD deliver us."

(These few lines should adorn the surgery of every doctor, every hospital, dispensary and medical institution).

May the tribe of the physicians whose primary concern and mission revolve round their patients' weifare ever increase.

Salutations and Adorations to Dr. Hahnemann, the greatest of all the Seekers of Truth in pharmaco-Therapeutics. ○

"The patient is the centre of the medical universe around which all our works revolve and towards which all our efforts trend."

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