



Miasmatic Approach in Epidemic diseases

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Abstract:

Those diseases in which many persons are attacked with very similar suffering from the same cause, nothing but epidemic diseases, these diseases generally become infectious { contagious} when they prevail among thickly masses of human beings.

Then arises fever, in each instance of peculiar nature, which when left to itself terminates in a moderate period of time in death or recovery. The calamities of war, inundations, floods, etc are the exciting causes.

Introduction:

In acute, miasmatic eruptive diseases, three different important moments are to be done;

First: The time of infection;

Secondly: The period of time during which the whole organism is being penetrated by the disease infused until it has developed within;

Thirdly: The breaking out of the external ailment; whereby nature externally demonstrates the completion of internal development of the miasmatic malady throughout the whole organism.

Small pox, cowpox, measles etc nevertheless will complete their course within, and the fever peculiar to each will break out with its small pox, cowpox measles after few days, when the internal disease had completed itself.

We may plainly see that after the contagion from without, the malady connected with it in the interiors of the whole man must be developed that is, the whole interior man must first have become thoroughly sick of small pox, measles or scarlet fever before these various eruptions can appear on the skin.

Intermittent fevers appear almost every year in a somewhat changed form since Hahnemann have learned to cure chronic diseases and maladies by a Homoeopathic extirpation of their psoric source.

Hahnemann have found the epidemically current intermittent fevers almost every year different in their character and in their symptoms and they therefore require almost every year a different medicine for their specific cure,

One year they require Arsenic, another year Belladonna, another year Anti crud, or Spigelia, Aconite with Ipecac, alternating with nux vomica, Sal Ammonicum; Here, Opium, Cina, alone or in alternation with Capsicum; with these they were cured in few days.

At the beginning of treatment of epidemic intermittent fever, the homoeopathic physician is most safe, in giving every time an attenuated dose of Sulphur or in appropriate cases, Hepar Sulphuris in a fine pellet or by means of smelling; With all the patients in intermittent fever, Psora is essentially involved in every epidemic therefore an attenuated dose of sulphur or hepar sulph is necessary at the beginning of every treatment of epidemic intermittent fever and makes the restoration of patient more sure and easy.

The great epidemic diseases small pox, measles, purple rash, Scarlet fever, Whooping cough, dysentery and typhoid when they complete their course especially without a judicious Homoeopathic treatment leave the organism so shaken and

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irritated that with many seen that the psora which was before slumbering and latent now awakens quickly either into itch like eruptions or into other chronic disorders, which then reach a high degree in a short time if they are not properly treated in an antipsoric manner.

Epidemic and sporadic fevers therefore as well the miasmatic acute diseases, often need an antipsoric assistance, which usually found in Sulphur, if the patient had not used shortly before a medicine containing sulphur, in which case another antipsoric suitable to this particular case will have to be used.

Discussion:

We observe a few diseases that always arise from one and the same cause e.g miasmatic maladies, hydrophobia, venereal disease, the plague of levant, yellow fever, small pox, cow pox, measles and some others which bear upon them the distinctive mark of always remaining diseases of a peculiar character; and because they arise from a contagious principle that always remains the same, they also always retain the same character and pursue same course, excepting as regards some accidental circumstances, which however do not alter essential character.

These few diseases, first {the miasmatic} therefore term specific and when necessary bestow on them distinctive appellations.

Hahnemann emphasizes the need for examining each epidemic or sporadic disease as an independent new disease which has never occurred in the past. He insists that the totality of each epidemic or sporadic disease must be traced thoroughly by observing the phenomenon in all its aspects or phases. The only exception here are diseases like small pox, measles etc where contagion remains the same.

Conclusion:

In cases of epidemic diseases which are acute in nature, Psora must be investigated for the symptomatology of its entire sphere of activities, in a more minute manner, because in these miasms, one person may manifest only one portion of symptomatology, 2nd, 3rd, persons exhibit different portion of symptoms and so on which also only forms an incomplete picture of the entire manifestation which together constitutes the complete totality of symptoms and that represents the entire range of these miasms, especially that of psora, which can be determined from the observation of a number of individual patients affected by them.

Without complete survey and the composite picture of these symptoms, the medicines, which are capable of curing them, homeopathically cannot be discovered.

Medicines discovered by the complete survey be the true remedies of several patients suffering from such chronic miasms.

In epidemics of intermittent fever, the first attacks have been left uncured or if the patients are weakened by wrong or allopathic medicines then the latent psora which is unfortunately present in many individuals in its latent state, become developed and takes on the periodicity and to all appearance plays the role of this epidemic intermittent fever, so that the medicine, which is usually not a antipsoric that would have been effective in first episode is no longer suitable and unable to help.

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