

A PATIENT SUMMONED BY DEATH AND LEFT BY ALL OTHER SCHOOLS OF THERAPEUTICS

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11 July 1968 . Mr. Barua. Aged 23. A bit dark. oily complexioned. Strong and flabby constitution. Hair thick, black and curly. Appearance pale, nose a bit flat. Eyes reddish but rather turbid, chest flat, nails healthy.

He was admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital seven days ago. He was put on a bed fenced with iron railings. In spite of this precaution he leapt out during fits. Fits last for fourteen to sixteen hours between twenty four hours. He shouts-' my head is gone, when consciousness revives. Drowsy sometimes. He did not pass stool even once during the last seven days. He passed red and odorous urine twice or thrice. Sometimes he sweats, but fever does not abate. The sweat smells foul. Fever does not come down below 101.0 F and goes up to 104.4 F. Rise and fall of temperature are irregular. We get 103.2 F at 8 p.m. The pulse beat is 126. The heart beat is so too. Lungs are clear. Sometimes he sighs deeply even while in drowsy condition. As regards diet, juice of fruits, water of sugar candy have to be forced in. Lower part of the abdomen is hard and painful. Great flatulence in the belly. Tongue flabby and white, dry, thirst seldom, but he takes two oz. if he drinks at all. Covering is unbearable, throws away the cover. Restlessness and quite silence alternately. I collected the above facts when I attended the patient at 8 p.m. at the call of Dr. Mutsuddy, an old and experienced allopathic doctor of Chittagong .

We saw the Discharge Certificate, received from the Medical College Hospital . There was written on it, "Cranial Tumor, advised to consult Jinnah Medical College Hospital for further investigation". It was learnt that fourteen times X-rays of the head, chest and stomach of the patient were taken. The M.R.C.P's and F.R.C.S's among the authorities of the Medical College met thrice in the Medical Board.

No treatment was advised except glucose injection. The doctors told the relatives of the patient with this remark in the Discharge Certificate: Such one case is not found even in a Lac. Patients do not generally survive under such conditions. Moreover, brain operation is not executed in our country. He will not live even if he is sent to West Pakistan .

There is some hope if he could be taken to Jurich, but he will succumb to death before arrangement is made to send him there. The doctors told the guardians of the patient all these in front of him. They thought that he was unconscious. But he was not so except that his eyes were closed. So his condition became worse knowing of his sure death.

The cry of 'my head is gone' has been explained by the foreign qualified doctor as such – The patient shouts because of acute pain due to tumor in the cranium and loses his consciousness, when the pain becomes intolerable. The cause of 'losing sense' for the greater period of the day is the excruciating pain of the tumor.

I told Dr. Mutsuddy after the collection of these datas, "Dear brother, how does the patient sleep if the state of senselessness comes from pain due to tumor? Please see now that he is in sound sleep". The doctor did not give any reply to my query. It seems to me that there is one tumor in the mind of the patient and another one in the cranium. That's why he leaves a deep sigh before the revival of consciousness. So it is suspected to be a case of globus hysteria. The doctor kept silent.

Then we came to learn from the guardians that he got a tremendous shock when all his properties were stolen. In addition to this his mother scolded him and advised him to work hard for his livelihood. Then he left the house. "I produce crops with the sweat of my brow. Where is the justification to carry on cultivation if I am not allowed to enjoy the food earned with my strenuous labor?"

To crown all, many of his mates, being educated are engaged in service. He would express his unwillingness, on many occasions, to carry on cultivation (within their knowledge). Leaving home, the patient visited many places from Rangunia to Ukhia. Teknaf, Cox's Bazar and other places. He did not see his elder brother out of anger and sorrow. Being unsuccessful, he came back to Chittagong and took the job of a bus assistant. On 4th July, he went to Dhum on bus on the day of his appointment. On his return from Dhum when petrol fell short in the car, he drank some petrol at the time of drawing it with a plastic tube. At dead of night on that day, the bus driver left him at the residence of his maternal uncle in the town. On the next day (15 July, 1968) he was admitted to Chittagong Medical College Hospital . He was released today with the summon of death stated before.

Next, I learnt from the wife of his elder brother that he loved an educated girl, daughter of a rich man of his village. He squanders money to please the girl on the one hand and moves with charming dresses on like a rich man. At last when the father of the girl came to know of it, he took her to Chittagong Hill Tracts, because he could not agree to his daughter's marriage to such a boy. Besides, friends of the locality informed him that it was in vain to run after the girl, as her father would, under no circumstances give him the daughter in marriage. The patient was depressed after he had come to know of it. The incident of theft, the behavior of his mother and swallowing of petrol on the very first day of his appointment and at the top of everything, the blow he received from his disappointed love affairs led us to declare unhesitatingly to all including the Allopathic Physician present there - 'This patient will surely cope round (though from the first report I was not sure of success). Because he is haunted more by the mental tumor than by the tumor in the brain, the tumor in the brain will not exist if that of the mind is gone. Please don't lose your patience.'

Then from the early history of the patient I gathered that he had suffered once from Chicken Pox, once from Malaria, was vaccinated twice. Still his health was on the whole good, since boyhood. From family history it was known that the father suffered from Rheumatism and mother from Leucorrhoea.

Mind :

The patient was very active when he was in health, jolly, wayward and self-conceited. He remains neat and clean but careless. He is fond of mates and songs. He prefers bath for all the year round. I could not gather anything special by questioning the patient. He only points to his belly and head. His eyes become full of tear if anything is asked of him. It seems he is hopeless of his life. I then told all to convince him, "You had been attended to by the famous doctors of the city. The doctors of the Medical College failed to diagnose your malady. You have no tumor inside the head. You will be cured within three or four days." I also said to him, "This girl will be yours. She will be brought here for marriage with you after your recovery. We shall send men tomorrow morning to bring the girl down here from the Hill Tracts." We noticed that the eyes and face of the patient beamed with gushes of joy when he had heard me. His relatives were a bit assured.

Treatment :

With a view to further observation, I put eight doses of Placebos to be in four oz. vial for he day and the day following to be taken after every three or four hours after succussion for ten times.

The medicine for consolation went on, "You have no disease. We shall arrange marriage of that girl with you."

Here I am glad to inform to my learned readers that from that day on improvement was noticed with the Placebo only. On the 4th day the temperature is only 100 0 F. Fits are only four hours in



place of fourteen hours. Deep sighing at longer intervals for twenty hours, and more cheerful than before.

13 July 1968 .

Ignatia amara – LM/6, eight doses, 10 succussions, to be taken after every six hours. Sorrowfulness, hopelessness, mental shock with long sigh, etc., are the main symptoms of this medicine.

15 July 1968 .

No fever. Stool and urine normal, mental improvement is constant.

Ignatia amara – LM/7 after every seven hours.

18 July 1968 .

More relieved, body painful, stool little constipation. *Natrum muriaticum* – LM/2, two doses daily, eight succussions.

23 July 1968 .

Round in all directions. Smiling attitude. But fever comes at 10 a.m. and subsides at night, again fever this morning at 10-30 attended with shivering, blisters on the lips. No stool for two days. Thirst great, tongue dry.

Medicine: *Natrum Muriaticum* – LM/3, two doses a day, eight succussions.

27 July 1968 .

Rheumatic pain. No other trouble. No more fever from the day before. *Thuja Occidentalis* – LM/4, one dose daily. *Thuja* helps to cure Rheumatism, bad effects of vaccination and hereditary Sycosis.

After the use of *Thuja Occidentalis* upto LM/11 itches full of pus appeared on the body of the patient. On the basis of totality of symptoms I gave Sulphur from LM/1 to LM/4. The patient is in health upto the present time, i.e., upto 18.03.1971. No further trouble. His marriage ceremony was solemnized on the 16th February 1971 and I was invited to enjoy. Homoeopathy thus cured a patient on the "throes of death."