

AN UNUSUAL CASE OF SUICIDAL STABBING

To the Editor, THE INDIAN MEDICAL GAZETTE

SIR,—I read with interest in your issue of August 1936 a case reported under the above heading.

Two years ago when I was working as civil surgeon, Dwarka, near Post Okha, I came across a similar case in which a man—a renowned convict who was released ten years ago from Baroda Central Jail for his good behaviour and who had turned very religious since then—stabbed his abdomen with two similar cuts and the omentum and transverse colon came out. When I went to see the case he was alive and told me in unmistakable terms that he wanted to end his life by dedicating it to the god Shiva as a penance for his past deeds.

I wondered how he could do that, but to my surprise he allowed me to replace the protruding viscera back into his abdomen without chloroform or any other anaesthetic. He lived a day or two more and we got his evidence recorded before the police and a magistrate.

This case proves that a man in intense feeling can do such injuries to himself.

Yours, etc.,

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Medical Officer.

VISNAGAR,

24th September, 1936.

LATE REACTIONS AFTER ANTI-CHOLERA INOCULATION

To the Editor, THE INDIAN MEDICAL GAZETTE

SIR,—With reference to your correspondence in April 1936, I would like to inform you that in the last epidemic of cholera in Kashmir Province the total number of anti-cholera inoculations performed under my supervision reached 376,280. We used the vaccine supplied to us by Haffkine and Kasauli Institutes. The total number in which a delayed reaction of this kind occurred was only 0.08 per cent. This came up between the 7th and 8th days. The reaction remained for two to three days. Local as well as general reaction was observed. It had nothing to do with the primary reaction. This was even seen in those persons who did not feel any inconvenience just after the inoculation.

Usually, it was marked in healthy robust persons. There could be no question of sepsis (? sepsis). No abscess has been seen among these.

Yours, etc.,

(Signed)

Epidemic Medical Officer,
Jammu Province.

JAMMU, H. C. D.,

23rd September, 1936.

Service Notes

APPOINTMENTS AND TRANSFERS

COLONEL I. M. MACRAE, C.I.E., O.B.E., K.H.P., Assistant Director, Medical Services, Peshawar District, is appointed to be Officiating Deputy Director, Medical Services, Northern Command, *vice* Major-General A. W. M. Harvey, K.H.S., on combined leave, dated the 9th June, 1936.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. R. Thornton, M.C., on return from leave, is appointed to be Civil Surgeon, Dharwar, and Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Dharwar.

On return from leave, Lieutenant-Colonel S. R. Prall is re-posted as Superintendent, St. George's Hospital, Bombay.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. H. Harty, on return from leave, is appointed to be Civil Surgeon, Ahmedabad, with attached duties, *vice* Lieutenant-Colonel B. Z. Shah.

Lieutenant-Colonel P. Banerji, Civil Surgeon, Murshidabad, on relief, is appointed to act, until further orders, as Superintendent, Campbell Medical School and Hospital, Calcutta, *vice* Lieutenant-Colonel J. C. De granted leave.

Lieutenant-Colonel N. C. Kapur, on return from leave *ex-India*, is appointed as Civil Surgeon, Murshidabad, *vice* Lieutenant-Colonel P. Banerji transferred.

The services of Major G. S. Gill were placed permanently at the disposal of the Government of Madras, with effect from the 17th April, 1932, for employment in the Madras Jail Department.

Major S. D. S. Greval, Officiating Imperial Serologist, Calcutta, is confirmed in that post, with effect from the 15th April, 1936.

The services of Major W. H. Crichton, Health Officer, Simla, are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Chief Commissioner, Delhi, for appointment as Assistant Director of Public Health, Delhi Province, Health Officer, New Delhi, and Health Officer, Notified Area Committee, Civil Lines, Delhi, on probation for 1 year, with effect from the date he assumes charge.

Major A. D. Loganadan, Officiating Assistant Director of Public Health, Delhi Province, Health Officer, New Delhi, and Health Officer, Notified Area Committee, Civil Lines, Delhi, is appointed Health Officer, Simla, on probation for 1 year, *vice* Major W. H. Crichton transferred to Delhi, with effect from the date he assumes charge of the post.

Major R. C. Wats, Officiating Assistant Director, Haffkine Institute, Bombay, is placed on foreign service under the Indian Research Fund Association, for appointment as Officiating Assistant Director, Malaria Survey of India, Kasauli, with effect from the date on which he assumes charge of his duties.

The services of Major P. V. Karamchandani are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Government of Madras for employment in the Jail Department, with effect from the date on which he assumes charge of his duties.

On reversion from foreign service under the Indian Research Fund Association, the services of Captain J. R. Dogra, an Officer of the Medical Research Department, are placed temporarily at the disposal of the Government of Bombay, for appointment as Officiating Assistant Director, Haffkine Institute, Bombay, with effect from the date on which he assumes charge of his duties, *vice* Major R. C. Wats.

Captain E. H. Lossing, Civil Surgeon, Burdwan, on relief, is placed on general duty at the Medical College Hospitals, Calcutta.

The undermentioned appointments are made:—

To be Lieutenants (on probation)

1st February, 1936

James Munchin Francis Byrnes.

William John Young.

LEAVE

Lieutenant-Colonel S. A. McSwiney, Officiating Professor of Obstetrics, Medical College, Calcutta, is granted combined leave for 2 years, with effect from the 13th October, 1935. The previous notification is hereby cancelled.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. C. Clifford, M.C., Civil Surgeon, Simla West, is granted leave for 4 months, with effect from the 15th October, 1936.

Major T. A. Doran, Officiating Civil Surgeon, Dharwar, and Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Dharwar, is granted leave for 12 months, with effect from the 12th October, 1936, or the subsequent date of availing.

Major J. S. Galvin, Officiating Superintendent, St. George's Hospital, Bombay, is granted leave for 6 months and 15 days, with effect from the 16th October, 1936, or subsequent date of relief.