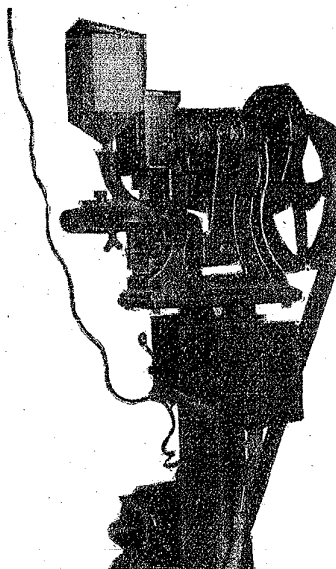


THE VIKARABAD TABLET INDUSTRY

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WE were appointed to India for medical work in 1910 and like many other medical workers in this country were sent out with but small financial backing and little real equipment so far as material, other than patients to work with, was concerned. Thus in the course of our correspondence in search of additional support we came in touch with a retired pharmacist in England who every now and then would send us a quantity of pills and compressed tablets. These we found especially useful in District Medical Work and from this we may have received our inspiration to secure a small handpower tablet compressing machine in 1921 with which we were able to prepare a few tablets for ourselves and soon were making them up for others who found them useful.



Kohler Electric driven Tablet Compressing machine lately added to our equipment.

During '25 and '26 we were in America on furlough and took the opportunity to spend some time with the Upjohn Pharmaceutical Co., in Kalamazoo, Mich. Here we were permitted to take part in the practical work of making up all sorts of compressed tablets throughout every step of the process. This, with the practical work we had already had, was a great help to us on our return to India in '27 where we were appointed to

take up the Tablet Industry with as much District Medical Work as we could find time for.

While we were in America, tablet sales had fallen off considerably but with our return and a bit of advertising there was a decided increase in sales though not up to the year just preceding our going to America. However, with new equipment and more time for the work of making up tablets we have been able to turn out a larger variety and we think a better quality of tablets than ever before. Thus old customers have been regained and many new ones added.

Our aim is to produce the best quality of compressed tablets and put them into the hands of District Missionaries and Hospitals at a lower

Leather Cases Containing Compressed Tablets

Double
row of
bottles
Approx:
Price
Rs. 20.



Single row
of bottles
Approx:
Price
Rs. 14.

price than tablets of equal quality can be obtained elsewhere. Now and then we have seen advertisements from firms in India who are starting up in the work of making compressed tablets with prices much below ours, in certain tablets, but on securing these cheaper tablets we have found that they will allow being soaked in water for 24 hours and still come out a perfectly good looking tablet. Such tablets are worse than useless when taken into the stomach. Their insolubility has always been the fault of certain improperly made tablets. However, if compressed tablets are properly made they are as readily soluble in the stomach as liquid medicines and that is the sort of tablets we are putting out.

It is only possible for us to put out tablets at the rates we do since our support is made up by the Missionary Society; thus we are able to make a small profit which helps us in doing District Medical Work, and at the same time improve our equipment and secure new stocks of drugs.

Knowing the sorry condition of the sick in the villages of India where so many must suffer from all sorts of sickness with very little real medical help, we have recently prepared a small book on Diagnosis and Treatment of Disease, putting it up in as simple language as possible so that any Christian worker in the village should be able to use it. It also tells of the uses to be made of some two dozen of the tablets we are distributing. Cloth bound copies are available at Re. 1 per copy or in paper at twelve annas. However, with all orders for Rs. 15 of tablets, if request is made for it, we shall be glad to enclose a paper bound copy free.

(Any nurse passing through Vikarabad will find it very interesting to visit the Medicinal Tablet Industry here. I am sure that many Nurses in India are working in very small stations where it is difficult to have medicines dispensed and so I would suggest that they give the Vikarabad Tablet Industry the opportunity to serve them. The leather cases containing bottles with compressed tablets would be very useful when travelling or camping. I have found it so.

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DIET IN ADDISONIAN ANAEMIA

From "the Nursing Times"

TWO cases of Addisonian anæmia, treated with the Minot-Murphy diet, reported by Dr. Anderson and Dr. Spriggs in the "Lancet" for November 5. This disease, they say, calls for Heraclean courage on the part of the physician. Any measure, therefore which helps in the fight against it is worthy of consideration and wide trial. Minot and Murphy in America have described a diet which has given good results in their hands, the improvement lasting in certain cases as long as three and a half years, which is the length of time the treatment has been in use. Briefly, they give large amounts of mammalian liver cooked and raw, with plenty of vegetables and fresh fruit, but little fat. The method was brought to the notice of the writers by a letter from a former dietitian at Ruthin Castle who accepted a post in the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, and to whom fell the duty of administering the diet in a number of Dr. Minot's cases; she published a paper setting forth the diet tables and cookery which had