

HOSPITAL NOTES.

The hospital wants a few more generous friends who are willing to assist in clearing the debt.

More instruments are needed for the operating room. Who will contribute \$50.00 or \$100.00 and gladden the heart of the surgeon?

There have been a number of unusually severe cases of typhoid fever in the hospital.

All the friends of little Clarence Hawthorne, who was so ill in the children's ward of the hospital and attracted the attention of visitors, will be glad to learn of his complete recovery. He is fat and happy again.

As chairman of the committee of management, Mr. S. Baylis is doing splendid work for the hospital.

The Treasurer is indebted to Mr. A. H. Plimsoll, chartered accountant, for valuable assistance in opening a new set of books.

The number of annual contributors is steadily increasing. Many more are required, however, to put the hospital in a safe financial condition.

Who will give the first thousand dollars towards liquidating the debt?

Some very becoming additions have been made to the private wards through the generosity of Lady Van Horne.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is booming, and determined to do good work for the hospital during 1900.

The maternity wards ought to be very popular with all physicians.

The private wards have been largely used by old school physicians during the past month.

The hospital received a visit last Monday from Rev. J. T. Bennett, of Hamilton, Ont. The nurses were all glad to greet Mr. Bennett, whom they helped nurse through a severe attack of typhoid fever last summer.

Dr. E. A. Grafton has been elected chairman and Dr. A. D. Patton, secretary of the medical staff, for the year 1900.

Purchase your tickets early for the entertainment for the benefit of the Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, February 27th, in the Academy of Music.

A MEDICINE CASE AND BOOK.

A medicine case and a good prescribing book are prime necessities in every family where there is a disposition to give the Homœopathic principle a trial. Especially valuable are they where there are young children in the family. The simple ailments to which children are particularly subject yield so quickly to the indicated Homœopathic remedies as to be little short of magical. The writer knows a family where a couple of young boys are subject to sudden attacks of croup. Under the old system of treatment one of these attacks meant the complete upset of the house during the small hours of the night, when one or other of the boys would awake suddenly with the rasping, crowing breathing peculiar to croup. Hot bath, an emetic and an anxious struggle of a couple of hours, when there would be a collapsed boy and mother, the boy probably confined to bed next day to recover from the effects of the treatment. When the Homœopathic treatment was adopted all this was changed. When the attack came the mother reached for her aconite and spongia bottles; three or four pellets of each in alternation were given every five minutes, a few sips of cold water, and inside half an hour the distressing symptoms were all gone and the child in a peaceful sleep, from which he would awake in the morning ready for school or play as usual.

It can readily be understood that it is not the aim of the present article to advise the substitution of the family doctor for the family medicine case. The case should simply be used as an adjunct. Many cases of serious illness may be prevented by the judicious use of the medicine chest, but where improvement is not quickly apparent, or where the symptoms grow worse, no time should be lost in calling the family doctor.

A very nice line of both books and cases will be found at Mr. C. E. Scarff's drug store, 2262 St. Catherine street. The books range in price from \$1 to \$2.50 and the cases, stocked with medicines, from \$1.50 to \$5.00. Mr. Scarff pays particular attention to the dispensing of Homœopathic medicines which have the approval of the Montreal Homœopathic Physicians.