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RETROSPECTION.

With this number, the first volume of the RECORD is completed and another mile stone along the road of homœopathy's progressive march has been passed. The experiment of publishing a paper in connection with the hospital has proved a success, more pronounced than even the most sanguine dared hope for. Begun in a small way, in size, circulation, and appearance, it has steadily grown to twice its original size and circulation. Of the quality of the pabulum furnished our readers are the best judges. Improvement therein may have accounted for the increase in circulation, but the increase in size is due to the demand for more space on the part of the business management and represents push and energy.

This has been a red letter year for homœopathy in the province of Quebec, and the substantial progress made during 1896 is a matter of congratulation and pride to the friends of our cause. Some of the incidents may be enumerated, as, the establishment of the hospital paper, the completion and opening of the

new wing of the hospital, the addition of the out-door department, increase in number of hospital staff, graduation of first-class of nurses, and the holding of several unique and original entertainments; as well as the increased interest taken by the public in the hospital and its work. Of the growth and standing of the various departments of our work, we shall speak in a future number, giving a description of the hospital and dispensary portions, at present we take the opportunity of thanking the many friends of the hospital for their generous aid and support during the past year.

To the patrons and readers of the RECORD we desire to express our sense of indebtedness for the encouragement so freely and substantially given, enabling us to firmly establish this potent factor in the dissemination of the therapeutic gospel according to Hahnemann. We promise for the coming volume, at least, no retrogression from our standard, homœopathy "isn't built that way," and we ask you to continue to help us to spread the knowledge of a more benign and rational system of healing.

From our friends, not of the faith, we invite inspection and court investigation of our methods and institutions, a fair field and no favor, being convinced of the superiority of our means and methods of treating disease we do not fear the outcome, being assured that it is but a matter of time when the scales will fall from their eyes, and the fallacy and questionable utility of heroic medicine appeared in the true light. The dawning of a brighter day is near at