

## LIFT THE DEBT

AND LET THE MANAGEMENT HAVE A  
CHANCE TO WORK FREELY.

To the Editor *Homœopathic Record* :

SIR,—We urge upon the friends of Homœopathy the immediate importance of relieving the Hospital from its load of debt, which is seriously impeding its usefulness and causing the management much anxious thought. The internal economy of the Hospital is now in a very satisfactory condition. Miss Kent has proved herself a thoroughly capable Lady Superintendent, and her management of the Hospital and Nurses Training School all we hoped for. Dr. Weirick, the House Physician has entered on his duties with enthusiasm, and much encouragement is felt in knowing that patients are in such good hands. Mr. Bain, the Secretary, has begun his canvas for subscriptions and is meeting with fair response. It is hoped that his appeals, especially to our own adherents, will be prompt and generous, as the revenue from this source should be at least double that of last year to ensure running expenses. The attendance at the outdoor department is improving. The private wards have been well patronized by our own and outside physicians, and the capacity of the free public wards has at times been fully taxed.

The Ladies' Auxiliary are doing nobly and affording material aid in Bazaars and other ways, but not until the Hospital is in receipt of a certain annual revenue from subscriptions alone of at least \$3000, can the managing committee feel at all easy in their onerous duty. If assured of sufficient revenue, the debt might be consolidated and carried; but it is now felt that the time has arrived when the public at large, and friends of Homœopathy in particular, should, in seeing the good work already accomplished, recognize the greater results possible if the debt was entirely removed and ample provision made for future running expenses. We need about \$4000, to pay off mortgages and accumulated interest, and \$2000 for floating debt, in all \$6000. This is a comparatively small affair when circumstances are considered, but it means the difference between ease, prosperity, complete success, and discouragement.

We are also much in need of better accommodation for our loyal little band of nurses, but cannot even consider, much less incur, any responsibility in connec-

tion with the proposed Nurse's Home until the pressing obligation of debt is removed.

In fine, we want \$6000 to free the Hospital from all debt, an annual subscription list of at least \$3000, a Nurses' Home provided and equipped free of debt, and when these are supplied, the Montreal Homœopathic Hospital will be fitly furnished for its useful work. Who will help by recording another name on the roll of generous benefactors?

SAMUEL BELL.

President, M. H. H.

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## THE PEPSIN CRAZE.

If some charlatan would put upon the market a brand of ostrich pepsin, it would quickly attain great celebrity, and would boast of the endorsement of any number of persons who had realized good results from its use, even though it might be nothing more than powdered starch or sawdust.

Morro's experiments showed long ago that the element lacking in the dyspeptic stomach is not pepsin, but hydrochloric acid, and his observations have never been shown to be faulty. The writer has carefully studied the results of more than a thousand chemical examinations of stomach fluids, made after the methods of Hayem and Winter, and has to record that in less than one per cent. of these cases has there been found any deficiency of pepsin. Unless the peptic glands have been destroyed by cancer or some other degenerative process, pepsin is present in sufficient quantity to do all the work required of it.

The fact has been before the medical profession for years, and yet we go on prescribing pepsin in all its combinations for our patients from mere force of habit; or do we use it as a mind cure?—*Modern Medicine*.

My dear allopathic confrere, why are you so very simple that you leave us homœopaths with this enormous advantage over the *best* of you? Any little homœopathic David can overcome the greatest allopathic giant if he will only keep to his *Materia Medica*, and the directions of Hahnemann. And the good thing lies so near, and is constantly thrown at you. If we homœopaths were only to make a secret of our art, you would petition the Government to purchase it of us.—*Burnat*.