

MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.

This Society, after nearly a year's consideration upon the subject, has adopted a tariff which, while it places a fair increase upon the fees for attendance upon the better classes, yet deals gently with those who are in a humbler position. We think that no one at all conversant with the fact, that the rates which have heretofore been charged were adopted fully thirty years ago, but will admit that the rise which has taken place in the price of the great majority of the necessaries of life justified an alteration in the tariff. We have heard many expressions of satisfaction that this result has, after much labor, been arrived at.

A move, equally important as the above, was made at the meeting of the Society, which was held on the 28th November, when by unanimous resolution, the Secretary was instructed to provide a book, (locked) into which members could enter the names of those who systematically and persistently defraud the profession. Writing as we are for the professional reader, it is stale news to say that there are a great many persons who never pay their doctor, and who yet manage to get the very best of attendance. They seldom continue more than two years with any one physician, and then pass on to the next, who, not knowing the true character of his new patient, receives him with open arms. Without going to the physician lately dismissed, the newly installed one is unable to get any information concerning his new client, and the reason assigned by the patient for the change is swallowed with an avidity, which, on the part of some, shows a digestion for that kind of thing which is really surprising. This new book will alter all this. It will regularly be open at the meetings of the Society for the inspection of members; and if in future they accept as patients, without some guarantee of payment, those whose persistency in defrauding others has caused their names to appear on this black list, they do it with their eyes open, and the profession will know how to treat them. This is a matter which those who may be conservative in their ideas, may look upon, perhaps, as making the profession mercantile in its character. To such we would reply, that we are exceedingly apt to forget that our profession has any side which may be termed mercantile, as we believe it has. No one ever goes to practice medicine as a pure philanthropist; and while we are sure the profession will ever show its generous side, and willingly extend relief to the poor, we think that in justice to those depending

upon us, those who are able to pay and don't should be so branded. This move marks a new era in the profession at Montreal, adopting, as it does, a principle in professional transactions, which much as we commend it, we readily confess would have made those whose footsteps we now tread in, open their eyes with astonishment.

MATERNITY HOSPITAL, MONTREAL.

This hospital is now in full working order, having been incorporated as the Lying-in-Department of the Female Hospital of Montreal, a charter for which was obtained a few years ago by Drs. Hingston and Leprohon, of Montreal, and Dr. Chapman, of New York. A number of accouchements have already taken place, and several are awaiting confinement. Its sanitary condition has been excellent. Medical men at a distance, who may have cases which require treatment in an institution of this kind can have them accommodated at various rates, according to accommodation.—See Advertisement.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We receive a great many letters from correspondents throughout the country, on matters where they alone are interested. So far as able we reply to them and post pay our letters. These communications have now become so numerous that their postage bill is getting a considerable item. As heretofore, we will willingly reply, but must insist upon a stamp being enclosed to pay the postage of it.

THE IODO-BROMIDE CALCIUM COMPOUND.

The reputation which the house of Tilden & Co., of New Lebanon, N. Y., have sustained for a great many years as thoroughly reliable manufacturers of a very large number of Pharmaceutical preparations, induces us to look with a favorable eye upon any preparation which they may present to the notice of the profession. A couple of years ago they introduced a most excellent disinfectant, styled Bromo-Chloralum, the value of which we can thoroughly attest from a somewhat extensive use of it, especially within the last year. It is the most prompt deodorizer we have ever used, and it has the wonderfully excellent quality of not substituting a disagreeable smell for one which was disgusting; on the contrary, after it has been freely used