

In 1874:

Admitted into the house.....	1,781
Roman Catholics.....	827
Protestants.....	954
Of out-door patients treated during the year.....	13,137
Roman Catholics.....	10,603
Protestants.....	2,534

In publishing these statistics our sole desire is to show that the Montreal General Hospital is neither a Roman Catholic nor a Protestant Hospital. We firmly believe that the best interests of the institution would seriously suffer if its management partook of sectarianism of any kind. Nor do we wish it to be supposed, that in giving publicity to this statement, we desire to curtail one inch of ground that the Government of this Province deem advisable to give to the Roman Catholic Hospital. Still, we maintain that in giving aid towards this charity the Government will not be giving support to a Protestant Institution. It cannot be denied that the larger number of the governing body of the Montreal General Hospital belong to some Protestant denomination, but it must be stated that a large number of Roman Catholics give of their substance annually towards its support.

By reference to the statistics above quoted, it will be noticed that during the past ten years there have been treated in the aggregate 85,116 Roman Catholics against 28,499 Protestants. And if the reports are more closely scrutinized it will be seen that the patients are made up of natives from every country in Europe, as also from many of the countries of Asia, Africa and America.

THE MONTREAL GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Eight years ago, in the pages of the CANADA MEDICAL JOURNAL appeared an editorial on the subject of the removal of the Montreal General Hospital from its present site to one further west. Furthermore, we advised the Governors of the institution of that day to acquire property in the vicinity of the plateau overhanging the Tan-