

MONTREAL

Homœopathic Record

DEVOTED TO THE INTERESTS OF HOMŒOPATHY AND OF THE MONTREAL
HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

VOL. VIII. No. 3.

MONTREAL, MARCH, 1903.

25 CTS. A YEAR.

Montreal Homœopathic Record

— PUBLISHED MONTHLY —

By the Montreal Homœopathic Hospital.

Communications relating to business and subscriptions to be sent to the Business Manager, care Sterling Publishing Co., 42 Lorne Avenue.

Manuscripts, news items, etc., should be addressed to A. D. PATTON, M.D., Editor Record, 58 Crescent Street.

MEDICAL VAGARIES.

In the light of recent events, the beginning of the end of the anti-toxin epoch is of more than passing interest. Of all the medical fads of the past century, probably none have made so strong a bid for permanency in the realm of therapeutics as it has done. Now that its use is on the wane, and its future destined for a niche in the great museum of medical curiosities, it is but charitable to give it credit for having drawn serious attention and study to the combatting of the most dread scourge of modern times. The following, taken from the Medical Times, is of interest in this connection, especially to the adherents of homœopathy:

From an article on "Do Homœopaths Need Anti-toxin?" by Dr. C. E. Fisher, ex-president A. I. H. (Medical Visitor, August, 1902.)

It is safe to assert that the homœopath who relies upon anti-toxin deliberately sacrifices from eight to ten lives out of every hundred he is called upon to treat, with diphtheria. The best the most ardent anti-toxinists have been able to do with this

much-vaunted product has been to reduce the mortality from thirty-six per cent. under old methods to about sixteen and one-half per cent. under the new, while on the other hand it has been demonstrated with equal reliability that under even the most ordinary homœopathic treatment, that of alternation, etc., a trifle less than seven per cent. are lost. Just why, then, homœopathic physicians and journalists should use and advance anti-toxin is unexplainable. Anti-toxin is polluted horse-serum. The chief preservative used to keep it from spoiling is carbolic acid. Carbolic acid is homœopathic to many a case of diphtheria. Homœopathy has infinitely better measures for combatting diphtheria than are offered by the anti-pathetic profession, and of these we should consistently avail ourselves to the limit before flying to nostrums of doubtful scope and value. Our armamentarium is replete with splendid curatives, whose pathogeneses make prescribing a science and curing almost a never-failing certainty. A correct homœopathy is a scientific procedure, a careful individualization, a rifle-shot directing of medication, a precise, accurate, successful adaptation of the right remedy in each individual instance, and not a wholesale adoption of supposed specifics which have no proven value and no pathogenic outline upon which we can work unerringly. I look upon it as lamentable and thoroughly inconsistent that we should continue to uphold and justify homœopathy as a separate and deserving system of practice, and yet hold that the best it can do is to cure everything pretty