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## REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY LYING-IN HOSPITAL, MONTREAL, FOR EIGHT YEARS.

FROM OCTOBER 1st, 1867, TO OCTOBER 1st, 1875.

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The University Lying-in Hospital is a small building, in which, on an average, 120 women are confined yearly. It has but two wards for women who have been confined, each containing four beds. There is also a separate room for private patients. The class of patients admitted into this institution is much the same as is generally found to seek the benefits of maternity hospitals in other parts of the world. It comprises poor married women, some of whom are reduced greatly in strength by improper and insufficient nourishment, whilst it is not uncommon to meet with others whose constitutions are suffering from excessive indulgence in spirituous liquors; unmarried women who have led irregular lives, and young girls who have been the victims of the seducer.

During the eight years from October 1st, 1867, to October 1st, 1875, there were 995 women delivered in the Hospital. Of these 987 made good recoveries, and 8 died; the mortality being in the proportion of 1 in 124½ cases. Seven of the deaths were from puerperal fever, which invaded the hospital in an

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