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MONTREAL, MAY, 1893.**A HINT FOR THE MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY OF MONTREAL.**

This large and influential society, perhaps the strongest of any in Canada, is obliged to vacate the premises which it has occupied for the last ten years, owing to the demolition of the building. After carefully considering the matter, it has decided to move into much more expensive but also more commodious premises which are being prepared for it, over the office of Dr. Buller. As increased revenue will probably be required to meet expenses, we respectfully suggest a method of raising funds adopted by the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, which includes most of the principal members of the profession, with Dr. Weir Mitchell as president, by which that body received no less than twenty-seven hundred dollars last year, as appears by its published report just received. We take the following words from Dr. Weir Mitchell's annual address:—"When a few years ago the generosity and foresight of a woman induced the Fellows doubtfully to consent to the Nurse Directory, it could hardly have been suspected that not only was this bureau to

be of immense value to the community but that the very existence—the active existence—of this library would depend upon the increasing aid given by the directory in its annual contributions, which, in 1892, reached the sum of \$2,700.00." Further on he says:—"An effort should be made to obtain an endowment, by appealing to the laity." Endorsed as these suggestions are by such a man as Weir Mitchell, we think they might one or both be worthy of the consideration of the Montreal Society, which has done, and is doing, such good work in the cause of humanity.

THE PAN AMERICAN MEDICAL CONGRESS.

On the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th of September there will assemble at Washington one of the most remarkable gatherings of medical men that this continent has ever seen. Dr. William Pepper, of Philadelphia, is the president, and Dr. Charles A. L. Reed, of Cincinnati, is the secretary general. There will be representatives there, not only from every State in the United States and from every province of Canada, but delegates have been appointed to attend from all the countries of South America. An immense amount of labor has been expended upon its organization, especially by Dr. Reed, with the result that every department of medicine will be fully represented by its own section with its own president and secretary. Already a very large number of papers have been promised, and there is every prospect that the time allotted will be all taken up. Owing to the diverse nationalities of the different delegates, it has been decided to have three official languages, namely, English, French and Spanish, and all papers intended to be read must be sent to the Secretary two months previous to the meeting, in order that an abstract in these three languages may be printed in the official programme. Physicians from any part of the American continent are invited to register their names, but only those residing in the United States will be allowed to pay, the medical profession and the Government of the United States having generously offered to furnish the necessary funds. We shall have occasion to