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HOSPITALS.

Montreal General Hospital.

The Montreal General Hospital affords ample means for the instruction of Students in Clinical Medicine and Surgery. The daily number of beds occupied by patients averages from 130 to 140, and during epidemic visitations has reached a much higher number. The Governors have also erected a Hospital for Children, contiguous to the Reid Wing of the present building. The students have thus an opportunity of becoming familiar with nearly all the diseases of suffering humanity, and with the peculiarities imparted to them by infancy, adolescence, maturity and declining age.

The large number of out-door patients that are treated in the Hospital, averaging from sixty to seventy daily—supply illustrations of most of the diseases of infants and children, of very many of the eye and skin, and of those chronic and ill-defined ailments, which, as they do not require admission to the wards of a hospital, would not otherwise come under the observation of the student, although, on account of their variety and frequency, they are of great importance to the Physician.

The large number of patients affected with diseases of the eye and ear now attending the out-door department, will afford students ample opportunity to become familiar with all the ordinary affections of those organs, and to make themselves proficient in the use of the ophthalmoscope, and it is hoped that every student will thus seek to gain a practical knowledge of this important branch of Medicine and Surgery. Operations are performed on the eye, by Dr. Buller, after the out-door patients have been seen, and students are invited to attend the same, and as far as practicable to keep such cases under observation as long as they remain in the Hospital.

The shipping contributes many examples of accidents and surgical cases.

CLINICAL CLERKS to both medical and surgical wards are appointed every three months, and each one during his term of service conducts, under the immediate direction of the Clinical Professors, the reporting of all cases in the ward allotted him. The holding of one of these offices is found to be of the greatest possible advantage to students, as affording the most real *practical* training for his