

expenses, but has commenced an extension which will increase its capacity to at least 50 beds.

Marked generosity has been shown by the patrons of homœopathy in subscribing to the building fund. At date of this writing five-sixths of the total amount required has been obtained. It is confidently expected on April 1st to open a complete model hospital of 50 beds, valued at \$20,000, free of debt other than the foundation annuity.

A casual examination of the list of diseases will show that the time-worn argument, that the high percentage of cures under homœopathy is due to the trivial nature of the maladies, does not hold. In the medical division there has been one death, the patient's condition on entrance being pronounced at once as hopeless, viz., uræmic convulsions from chronic interstitial nephritis. In the private wards (which are open to all outside physicians), there have been three deaths. In the surgical division, the operations have included many of the most critical in surgery: one death (a private patient), occurred from pyonephrosis.

The training school has had a complete course of lectures by the staff and lady superintendent, the subjects being anatomy, physiology, surgery, medicine, obstetrics, gynaecology, children, hygiene, infectious diseases, homœopathic materia medica and bedside nursing. The system of taking the senior nurses out to cases under the supervision of the staff has given them confidence and valuable experience. It is safe to assert that the nurses of the Montreal Homœopathic Hospital are equal if not superior to any hospital nurses in Montreal.

The sudden death of Mr. George E. Jaques, one of the elective governors of the hospital, is chronicled with regret. Mr. Jaques was one of the first adherents of homœopathy in Montreal, and took a deep interest in the success of the hospital. Since the hospital opened the ranks of homœopathy have been increased by seven new practitioners, one a woman.

The ladies connected with the hospital have worked unselfishly and successfully for its support. Their various entertainment enterprises have netted unusually large sums. At the request of the Association the governors have amalgamated the Montreal Homœopathic Dispensary with the Out-Door Department. This division of the work will be opened fully equipped, when the governors elect the out-door staff in

March. In December the service of the medical men was changed to a weekly one, each man continuing his cases to a conclusion. The hospital thus far has depended on the city of Montreal. The hope is expressed that the vast fields of Sherbrooke, Quebec, Valleyfield, Lachute, Three Rivers, St. John's, Chambly, Cornwall and Rimouski, &c., may soon experience the unquestionable benefits of homœopathy. Truly there is need of unselfish workers.

H. M. PATTON, M.D.,
Feb. 1, 1896. *Superintendent.*

WHY DO IT THEN?

"The greatest trouble which we physicians have met with in administering medicine to a patient in the regular way, i. e., through the throat, is that the mixtures and drugs so taken very frequently derange the stomach before they reach the seat of the trouble, or effect a cure. I need hardly assure you that the effect of the injury thus inflicted upon the stomach saps the very foundations of human health, and entails a weakness and decay in most of the other organs.

"In the end we too often find that in attempting to heal one portion of the body, we have done an irreparable injury to other portions of the system."

The above is an extract, from an interview with a prominent Montreal physician of the "regular" school as published in a leading evening paper. It places the difference of the two systems in a clear sharp light and is a striking illustration of a strong argument in favor of homœopathy.

EARACHE.

Moisten a pellet of cotton with chloroform, and place in the bowl of a clay tobacco pipe, introduce the stem into the canal and blow the fumes from the cotton by placing the lips over the bowl, previously covered with a piece of cloth. The effect is magical.—*Ex.*

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