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## HOSPITAL ABUSE.

It would appear that action, looking to a lessening of hospital abuse in Montreal, is likely to follow as a result of the discussion of Dr. Armstrong's paper by the members of the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society. This Society has adopted the principle of action, outlined by Sir William Broadbent, as that of the London Charity Organization Society.

In response to a letter sent to the presidents of the different Montreal hospitals, replies have already been received from Mr. H. Wolferstan Thomas, President of the Montreal General Hospital, and from Mr. R. B. Angus, President of the Royal Victoria Hospital, signifying their willingness to assist in lessening the growing evil, and we learn that the Western Hospital is also willing and anxious to join in the movement. We hope that the other hospitals will also take a part.

The idea is to form a Central Board with each of the hospitals represented on the Board by one or two members of this Committee of Management. It is probably desirable also to have on the Board a few hospital physicians as well as one or two physicians not connected with any hospital. A Board so formed would be thoroughly representative, and their action would be uniform and comprehensive. Such a Board would tend to check the present practice occasionally adopted by very well-to-do people of going from one hospital to another until one was found that did not put inconvenient questions, and did not take too much trouble to verify the answers given.

It will be the aim of the Board to facilitate the entrance and immediate care of all needy applicants, to give without question suitable relief to all emergency cases, and to prevent so far as possible the gratuitous treatment, both in the out-door departments and in the