

LECTURE COURSE.

A course of popular talks on homeopathy in its relation to the dominant school pertaining to the following subjects, will be given at the hospital weekly, beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 16th at 8.30 p.m. These lectures will be short and informal, and with a view to bringing the public in closer touch with the tenets of modern medicine will consist of a resume of the entire field in plain every-day language. The following programme has been prepared subject to change. Lectures will be given every Tuesday evening during the course.

Homeopathy in its relation to Medicine—Tuesday, February 16th, Dr. William McTearrie.

Homeopathy in its relation to Pathology—Tuesday, February 23rd, Dr. E. A. Grafton.

Homeopathy in its relation to Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat—Tuesday, March 2nd, Dr. E. M. Morgan.

Homeopathy in its relation to Obstetrics and diseases of Women and Children—Tuesday, March 9th, Dr. A. K. Grunth.

Homeopathy in its relation to Surgery—Tuesday, March 16th, Dr. H. M. Patton.

Homeopathy in its relation to the development of Girls and Women—Tuesday March 23rd, Dr. Laura Muller.

ANTITOXIN.

Editor Montreal Homeopathic Record :

Dear Sir,—For some months past I have closely watched the antitoxin treatment of diphtheria. From this personal observation and from conclusions drawn from reports in current medical journals, I believe that Roux Antitoxin serum will share the fate of Koch's tuberculin, and teach the "regular" school that its former barbarous methods prevented rather than caused, favorable results. The reduction in the "Regular" death rate proves simply, better nursing, better diet, better air and surroundings and not tormenting the patient except by the antitoxin injection. Would that we had four \$1,000 pavilions (scarlet fever, diphtheria, small-pox, varicella, and measles) to prove to the "Regulars" that our "little case" would reduce the death rate by one half.

H. M. PATTON, C.M., M.D.

"In spite of the use of antitoxin and the great benefits resulting from it, the mortality of diphtheria has greatly increased in Montreal during the past year." *Provincial Bacteriologist in second annual report of Board of Health of the Province of Quebec 1896.*

HOSPITAL NOTES.

The lady visitors for the month are Mrs. Warriner, Mrs. W. G. Nichol and Mrs. George Sumner.

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The Lady Superintendent has been enjoying a ten days' holiday, and returned much benefitted by the rest and change.

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To increase the number of readers of this paper, will not each one now subscribing secure four new names at 25 cents each, which will entitle the one getting the new names to his own paper free.

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In giving the list of Christmas donations one very important item was overlooked, viz., several very pretty and useful presents which were placed upon the Christmas tree for the nursing staff, by Mrs. W. E. Phillips. The gifts were highly appreciated, although mention of them in our list was unintentionally omitted.

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A short time since the nurses began to consider among themselves the desirability of an out-door uniform, and decided to ask the consent of the committee to their adoption of one, which consent was cheerfully given. Mrs. W. E. Phillips, hearing of the suggestion, immediately offered to give the first cloaks. Her offer was very gladly accepted, and our nurses desire to thank her very heartily for her timely thoughtfulness. They find the out-door uniform both comfortable and convenient.

MISCELLANY.

An effective heart stimulant is a hot water bag over the cardiac region; it is especially valuable in threatened heart failure.

San Francisco has a physician ninety-four years of age, who has been in active practice sixty-four years.

Como, the native town of Alessandro Volta, is going to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the invention of the voltaic cell by an electrical congress and an electrical exhibition.

It has been noted by the oculists that blue eyed people are seldom color blind, the percentage of those afflicted being greatest among persons with hazel and black eyes.

Rigors are seldom present in infants and children, no matter how grave the affection may be.