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WESTERN HOMŒOPATHY AND ITS HOSPITALS.

A fortnight's visit to Chicago afforded opportunity of witnessing some of the more recent developments in medicine and surgery, improvements in hospital economy and treatment of the sick, as well as the pleasure of meeting with members of our homœopathic school prominent in the ranks of the profession.

During the stay we were handsomely entertained by the homœopathic members of the Cook County hospital staff, and despite the evidence in these columns of former visitors to this hospital, thoroughly enjoyed our sojourn. A few words about the institution and its staff of internes may be of interest.

The homœopathic staff consists of six young doctors reckoned among the ablest men of the house staff. The senior, Dr. McCulloch, has an enviable record among the surgeons for his unvarying successes, doing the major operations with the celerity and dexterity of a veteran. Dr. Moore, the senior medical man, has a record to be proud of in his hospital career, he is also something of a surgeon, having the hospital record for a minor surgical

case, the putting of 129 stitches in a negro who had been too much in evidence at a social gathering where razors were the chief decorations. No anesthetic was used. Dr. Cromwell, assistant surgeon and obstetrician, had the pleasure lately of being complimented by the warden on the correctness of his diagnosis in the examining room. Dr. Patton, assistant medical man, is a brother of Dr. H. M. Patton of our hospital, he has charge of the examining room for the homœopaths and receives and assigns all patients entering the hospital on every fifth day. This position gives to the incumbent a sense of proprietorship in the hospital which adds to its importance. Chief among the various wards, is ward 22, presided over by Miss Helen Banting of Toronto, who is spoken of as one of the best nurses in the hospital. The ward has a directory of 100 beds and is divided between the homœopaths and eclectics. It is rather pleasing to note that the best ward in the largest hospital in America is a homœopathic one, and the nurse in charge is a Canadian. Many of the nurses hail from Canada, taking this course on account of the thoroughness of it, and the great variety of experience gained. The nursing for the hospital is done by the Illinois Training School for nurses, which receives \$20,000 per annum from the county and must supply all nurses needed. They have about 150 in the hospital at present. The Presbyterian Hospital 250 beds, is also supplied with nurses from the same school. Among the allopathic internes are two women, who take their full share of the work and have proved to be in every