

THE CANADA MEDICAL RECORD.

VOL. XV.

MONTREAL, MARCH, 1887.

No. 6.

CONTENTS.

ORIGINAL COMMUNICATIONS.	Some Practical Suggestions on the Treatment of Diphtheria.....	121	139	Montreal Medical Schools Examinations.....	144
Letter from the Hub.....	Hamamelis in the Treatment of Diseases of the Skin.....	126	140	Proposed Changes in Preliminary Examination.....	144
Clinical Lecture.....	Chronic Prostatitis.....	127	142	Nervous Headache.....	144
The Hygiene of the Hair.....				New Medical Journal in Montreal.....	144
SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS.	EDITORIAL			Hydrastis Canadensis in Uterine Hemorrhage.....	144
Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal.....	The New Medical Act for the Province of Quebec.....	130	143	Pneumonia in New York.....	144
Correspondence.....	College of Physicians and Surgeons, Province of Quebec.....	135	144	Personal.....	144
PROGRESS OF SCIENCE.					
Sprained Joints.....		135			

Original Communications.

LETTER FROM THE HUB.

Editors CANADA MEDICAL RECORD.

DEAR SIRS:—A hospital is not only an indication of the liberality and benevolence of the inhabitants of a city, but also a good means of judging of the standing of its medical fraternity. If it be well appointed and arranged, and thoroughly up to modern requirements in its internal management and detail, if it be all that a hospital should be in everything that goes to make up a hospital, then will the medical profession be of equally as high a standard. It has been said that it is the medical men that make the hospital, this cannot be gainsayed; but I think the hospital does a great deal in making the medical men. Honors are about even, however. Distinction is conferred in both cases. Judged in this light the citizens of Boston have reason to be proud of the efficiency of its hospitals and the high status of its medical men. I shall refer to the medical profession anon, and wish at present solely to confine myself to the hospitals. Boston has a goodly number of hospitals and dispensaries. It would be scarcely possible within the limits of a letter to do justice to them. I can, therefore, but mention their more prominent features. The Massachusetts General is the oldest hospital in Boston. It dates a great many years back, in the small numbers of the century. A great many of the most eminent physicians and surgeons in Boston have gained their experience there. The main edifice is a large grey stone building, with a portico in front

supported by massive ionic pillars. This is the original building of the hospital, and although of a considerable age, it has not become "dim with the mist of years," but its stonework looks as fresh, I should think, as the day when it was first erected. While we must call, in the strict sense of the word, the Massachusetts an old hospital, yet it has had so many additions and improvements that it has become a thoroughly modern one, equipped according to the latest views. New wards have been built and the old ones renovated. The main building (the old part of the hospital) consisted of one long building without any wings; now there are several other buildings, each entirely separate and connected with the others by passageways, whose sides consist of a series of glass windows making them light and cheerful, in which convalescent patients sometimes sit. The hospital contains over 200 beds. It is controlled and supported by private individuals. It is wealthy and excellently managed. The wards are large, well ventilated and kept scrupulously clean. In the main building the larger wards have a large chimney in the centre with grates. The bath-rooms and lavatories are well isolated from the wards, and perfect in their appointments and conveniences. A small kitchen is attached to each ward, to which the meals are brought from the main kitchen and distributed to the patients. The floor and stairs of the two main halls are of stone, and reminds one somewhat of some ancient castle you might see in Great Britain, such as the Tower of London, etc. There is an elevator in the main building. There is one ward consisting of a series of separate rooms. Noisy or troublesome, and