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## THE SAMARITAN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, MONTREAL.

A new hospital for women, with the above name, was opened by Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen, wife of the Governor General of Canada, on the 17th of January, 1895.

It is non sectarian, and supported entirely by voluntary contributions, of which latter enough were handed in during the first month to carry on the work during a whole year. It is the only special hospital for diseases of women in Montreal, and will be moulded on the pattern of the celebrated New York State Women's Hospital in New York city. It is managed by a board of thirty of the principal ladies of the city, assisted by an advisory board of three laymen and three physicians. The staff consists of Sir James Grant, M.D., K.C.M.G., consulting physician; Wm. H. Hingston, M.D., LL.D., consulting surgeon; A. Laphorn Smith, B.A., M.D., M.R.C.S. England, surgeon-in-chief; H. Lionel Reddy, C.M., M.D., surgeon; S. F. Wilson, C.M., M.D., assistant surgeon and registrar; Dr. Sylvester, assistant surgeon, and Dr. Letellier de St. Just, assistant surgeon. An anæsthetist and a pathologist will be appointed shortly. The outdoor service is attended to by the assistant surgeons from 4 to 5 p.m. every day, at which hour the surgeon-in-chief makes his daily visit, and the most urgent cases are admitted. The hospital is absolutely free to

women who are poor and sick, and who are residents of the city. Patients from outside the city will be admitted on payment of a nominal charge. The operation days are Tuesdays and Fridays at 10.30 a.m., when physicians who have not been attending infectious diseases will receive a hearty welcome. The hospital is situated in the choicest and healthiest part of the city, 1000 Dorchester street, near Mackay street, and may be reached by the St. Catherine and St. Antoine St. cars, which each pass within one block of the door.

## OVERCROWDED PROFESSIONS.

We have more than once called attention to the overcrowded condition of the Medical Profession in England, and we have expressed the hope that a similar state of affairs will never be seen in Canada. From the letter which we copy hereunder from a recent issue of the *Mail and Empire* of Toronto, it appears that the profession in Canada is rapidly becoming filled to overflowing. The Medical Colleges of course have no interest in curtailing the number of students, so the profession must look to the Medical Council of each province to either raise the license fees or raise the standard of the entrance examinations in order to keep down the number of practitioners to 1 per 1000 of inhabitants. Neither should we admit graduates from other countries who have not complied with the same requirements as are demanded from our own graduates. The simplest and best standard for admission to study is the B.A. degree of a recognized University, simply because it is a guarantee that its possessor has gone through a long course of intellectual training, which is of great advantage to those who are to be the Medical men of the future.

"Sir,—A very serious problem has arisen of late years—What are the professions coming to? Every farmer wants his sons to embark upon the troubled sea of professional life, and cheap education, together with the glittering clap-trap literature with which this province is flooded by the Medical Colleges, is doing untold harm to hundreds of young men who might make successful mechanics, farmers, or business men, instead of disappointed, starving lawyers or doctors. The *Canadian Medical Review*, in an editorial headed 'Wanted—A Medical Practice,' draws a dark picture of pros-