

former gives 2,000 friends, supporters and helpers, the latter but two. But there is no reason in a person with an income of \$150,000 giving an annual subscription of \$10, because there are not enough of us blessed with such income to make the aggregate sum equal to the total of the small subscriptions.

In connection with the above, the management of our hospital have decided to adopt an attempt at systematic collection, and have in preparation books which will be mailed to subscribers, for the entry of their names, amount of yearly subscription they wish to give, and date when most convenient for them to pay the same. This scheme will take some time to inaugurate, and could be greatly facilitated by our friends sending the above information or money to the hospital treasurer. We are aiming at a regularity in the subscriptions (the amount you arrange for yourself); so that we may have a fixed income which we can depend upon with reasonable certainty.

In order to start the next hospital year with this scheme in good working order, and that we may derive the full benefit of our subscription list in increasing the hospital's work and efficiency, it is necessary that the floating debt should be removed. For this purpose special subscriptions are solicited, payable but once, and rendering any such further appeals unnecessary. We are now in the most favorable position homoeopathy has occupied since its advent into Montreal, and we believe the time is ripe for the vigorous propagation of the gospel of *Similia Similibus Curantur*. Help us NOW, with your might and mite.

Dr. Mosse says that potatoes in place of bread is good for diet of sufferer from diabetes mellitus.

VITAL ECONOMICS : PASSIVE MURDER.

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Dedicated specially to all mothers and fathers ; secondarily, to rulers of nations, heads of armies, and healers of men !

Anno domini 1851.—London Lancet, January, 1851. Dr. Thomas Ballard, writing to the editor of the Lancet, rubbed it deeply (?) into the Homoeopaths of that time as follows: "In case of death occurring in this institution (the London Homoeopathic Hospital), would it not be proper that the Coroner should enquire whether all due means have been employed to prolong life, and if found to be otherwise, would not some one be guilty of manslaughter at the least, or PASSIVE MURDER?" We Homoeopaths grant that, in their willful ignorance, these Allopaths had a right to ask the question if they truly feared that the homoeopathic death rate was greater than their own death rate. Follow us to the end of this article and you, with perfect right, will ask, with us, our counter question.

Our greatest laurels have been, and are, won, when homoeopathic statistics were, and are, pitted against those of the allopaths. Our successes have been ascribed to better nursing (what an admission!), and to falsity of reports; as if all our statistics are not open to searching inquiry!

When you are about to insure your life, or property, prudence suggests your going to the company offering the best security. When about to invest in bonds, or interest-bearing securities, you cast about to see what offers the greatest safety. Then, when sickness overtakes those nearest and dearest, and life itself is in the balance, have you ever read or enquired which school of medicine offers the best percentage of recovery, and the lesser mortality? Have you? It was