

### AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF HOMŒOPATHY

The American Institute of Homœopathy will meet this year in the city of Washington on June 5th to 9th. The meeting promises to be a memorable one. A \$75,000 monument of Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of Homœopathy, is to be dedicated to the American nation. Congress granted a desirable site in the Capitol grounds and voted \$4,000 for the erection of a suitable pedestal. This does not sound much like a decadence of Homœopathy. Special rates are to be made on all the railroads, and Montrealers would find this a favorable opportunity of visiting the capital of the United States.

### SICK ROOM HINTS.

The most trying time for a sick person, says an authority, is between the hours of 1 and 4 in the morning. Vitality becomes diminished, and the strength should, therefore, be fortified as far as possible with some strong food, either soup, or egg or milk, about midnight. The nurses should always make the meal as tempting as possible with snowy serviettes, sprinkling and always a flower or two in a dainty vase. Even a spray of mignonette will often work wonders in interesting and pleasing the patient. These small details are too often omitted by the nurse on the plea of not having time to give them, but they ought to be considered as essential to the progress of the patient as the punctual administration of the medicine itself. Often they are more potent than this last. It is very certain, too, that the nurse who would fine such details of her service irksome is no true nurse, and ought not to be intrusted with the care of a sick person. Further, it is a mistake to leave untouched food by a persons bedside in the hope that he will eat it later on. He will simply be disgusted with food altogether. Many sick persons have a great craving for tea, and when this is the case the tea leaves should be infused in boiling milk instead of water, thus forming a very strengthening and refreshing beverage.—*Hospital Tidings.*

### IT CAN AND SHOULD BE DONE.

To the Editor of The Record.

Sir:—At the beginning of the current financial year, Nov 1st, 1899, the newly elected Committee of Management instituted a re-adjustment of methods which seemed needful to the better working of the Hospital. Full control and oversight in all matters pertaining to their functions heretofore shared or delegated was assumed, and the Committee decided to meet weekly as a whole for consideration of all business. New books were opened and the various accounts better classified so that profit or loss on maintenance might be more readily shown and the point of divergence easily located. The Treasurership was centred in one officer and the funds deposited in one bank account subject to the joint cheque of the President and Treasurer. Liabilities were ordered to be incurred only under proper requisition and rigid censorship, and all bills, strictly scrutinized by the committee, to be posted monthly to the debit of the respective expense account and credited to the supplying firms, to whom payments should be made and charged as funds were in hand. The aim was to centralize management and systematize operation, and the object in view has been vastly promoted.

The Hospital work has been greatly furthered by the hearty cooperation of the Medical Board, the Attending Indoor and Outdoor Medical and Surgical Staff, the Medical and Lady Superintendents, House Officer, Nurses and Servants, and the Committee are gratified to observe the efficient and systematic efforts of this loyal working force towards the common aim. We also recognize the splendid efforts the Woman's Auxiliary are making towards realizing the long desired nurses' Home and Maternity Wards, and look to the anticipated augmentation of the Hospital's prestige, usefulness and revenue.

We feel in looking back over the past months that the united effort to conduct the hospital routine in methodical businesslike manner has been noticeably rewarded, but on the other hand we regret to notice that practical appreciation of these efforts by way of subscriptions is as markedly deficient. The returns from "Patients" have been very satisfactory, those from "Nurses" somewhat less so, but "Subscriptions" needful to supple-