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#### HOMOEOPATHY AND SCIENCE.

The recent debate on this subject at McGill Medical Society's meeting seems to have brought out very little light on the question at issue. The speakers for the affirmative asserted that homoeopathy was well worthy of being inquired into, without touching on the scientific aspect. The negative side contented itself with pleasantly ridiculing a system they knew nothing about and so attempted to laugh the whole thing out of court.

One great difficulty in arguments of this kind, especially among amateurs, is in keeping to the point of the discussion. Systems are apt to be confounded with parts, or adjuncts, of the same, and representatives of the system, become inextricably mixed up with the system itself, with the result that the shortcomings of fallible man are often charged up to a system in no way responsible for its followers or advocates.

For instance, in the debate above mentioned one of the telling (?) arguments of

the defence was the absurdity of the small dose usually given by homoeopaths. Just wherein the non-scientific part of this comes in is hard to perceive, even if it had anything to do with the law of homcopathy in the administration of drugs. As a matter of fact, the size or strength of the dose has nothing to do with the principle of homoeopathy. He who gives an ounce of Epsom salts in a case of diarrhœa, prescribes homocopathically just as truly as if he gave the same substance in the hundred millionth part of a grain. Time and experience have shown, and proved, that the small dose is fully as effective in curative power as the larger one, and has the added benefit of allowing Nature to more quickly recover from drug action; hence its adoption by homoeopaths. In every day life we are constantly in touch with measures for the regulation of more or less delicate machinery, of whose construction we have some degree of knowledge, perchance sufficient to prevent us from sending our timepieces to a blacksmith, etc., without exciting undue wonder, or comment, yet we profess amazement when that most delicate piece of mechanism, the human body, is regulated by a slight dose of medicine.

The mistake of confounding men with the system they represent is a common one, and a frequent device of the amateur debater to bolster up a weak argument. While harm may have been done to homoeopathy through the tenets, practices, and personalities of some of its exponents, it has been but temporarily; and is vastly overshadowed by the ultimate good achieved. No amount of sophistry can detract from the value of results gained and work accomplished. The fact that homoeopathic physicians use methods similar to those in use by physicians of the dominant school does not in any way affect the status of the homoeopathic law. Just why one should expect perfection in a man who happens to practise homoeopathy, while allowing room for human error if the physician is of any other school, is not clearly apparent. The trouble lies in the fact that knowledge of what homoeopathy is has not been grasped by members of the allopathic school. Again, the same argument might be used in reference to followers of traditional medicine who give little or no medicine, with this exception, that homoeopaths know that in prescribing medicine for the sick no variation from the law of similars, however closely resembling it, makes of the physician a homoeopath, or admits of his practising the system.

The homoeopathic physician is one who combines with all the knowledge, means, and measures of the allopathic school a knowledge of the administration of drugs in accordance with a fixed law. In every other province in medicine, all and any measures are at his disposal, the practice of which in no way detracts from his standing as a homoeopath.

Just why the law of similars is so, is one of the axioms of medicine, provable only by demonstration, and results obtained. Why like should cure like, will probably never be known; the apple falls to the ground, but where is the cause for gravitation; the needle moves towards the pole, but we cannot tell why iron is

magnetic, so with the law of homoeopathy; it is a fact, and therefore fully entitled to recognition as being scientific. Results are stronger arguments than any fine-spun theories, and it may be safely asserted that no cure of the sick by the aid of medicines is ever made without the application of the homoeopathic law of similars being either unknowingly, or intentionally employed.

#### HINTS.

Flushes of heat, cold feet, alternated especially at night with burning feet, is a condition requiring Sulphur.

Fever blisters are often cured by Natrum mur.

Catarrh, with stringy, tough mucus, is relieved by Kali bichromicum.

Difficult breathing on the least exertion is often relieved by Ipecac.

Flatulence, sour taste, sense of satiety after a few mouthfuls, bloated feeling in the stomach, are conditions usually relieved by Lycopodium.

Bearing down sensation in organs, Lilium tig.

Itching of feet and ankles, Ledum.

Backache before and after menses, feels badly for days afterwards, Kali carb.

For feverish children or adults, pure unfermented grape juice, provided it is not preserved with Salicylic acid, is beneficial, nutritious and grateful.

If suffering, no matter how long a time has elapsed, from the effects of a blow or concussion, Arnica 6 internally will probably give relief.

Arnica 6 internally is also most excellent in aiding the rapid disappearance of "black eyes" or any "black and blue" spots resulting from blows, etc.

Sensation as of a fish bone or splinter in the throat is often cleared up by Hepar sulph.

Sweaty feet, Calcarea carb.—Homocopathic Envoy.

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#### POUND PARTY.

Another success was scored by the Woman's Auxiliary at the "Pound Party" and "Tea" held April 19th in the Board Room, from four to six. The weather was favorable and the rooms were well filled.

Mrs. J. T. Hagar and Mrs. Geo. Sumner, assisted by their young friends, served tea and coffee from a table prettily decorated with tulips and narcissi. J. A. Sheffield and Mrs. W. D. Birchall had home-made cake for sale, while Mrs. W. T. Rodden and Miss M. Robertson looked after the sale of the home-made candy. Mrs. De F. Smith, Mrs. A. D. Patton and Miss Baylis received the parcels, which by the end of the afternoon amounted to a very goodly assortment of groceries of all kinds as well as delicacies for the sick, and household staff. Some of the names of donors became separated from the gifts and may not appear in the proper place, and some have been received since the lists were prepared so will have to appear later. But the thanks of the Woman's Auxiliary are most cordially extended to all who contributed in money or donations for the benefit of the Hospital.

Master Allan Blyth Copping, a little elocutionist of about five summers, gave one of Dr. Drummond's poems, "Les Vieux Temps," with a charming grace and wonderfully correct French accent, showing careful training of his wonderful gift as a reciter. The Auxiliary were very much pleased with the offer of his services and thank his friends most heartily for their kindness.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Montreal Homeopathic Hospital acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the Pound Party:—Lady Van Horne, \$5; Mr. Geo. Sumner, £1; Mr. J. T. Hagar, \$5; Mrs. Robb, \$1; Mrs. Moss, \$1; Mrs. Jas. Baylis, \$1; Miss Sutton, Edwars-

ton, \$1; Mrs. Jas. Hutchison, \$2; Mrs. J. Gilbert Baylis, \$2; Miss Marie Robertson, \$1; Mrs. Wm. Lyall, \$1; Mrs. T. M. Caliger, Chicago, \$1; Mrs. F. M. Sproduelo, Chicago, \$1; Friend, 50c.

Cake for Cake table:—Mrs. Rodden, Miss Ashby, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Irwin, Miss Mathewson, Mrs. St. Pierre, Miss Dolly Sandham, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Harrower, Mrs. Scarff, Mrs. Hagar, Miss Baylis, Mrs. G. Brown, Mrs. Nolan, Mr. A. M. Lowden, Mrs. W. D. Birchall, Mrs. J. A. Sheffield, Mrs. S. Munn, Mrs. Plimsoll, Mrs. Forrester, Mr. Charles Alexander, Mrs. A. R. Griffith.

Candy for Candy table—Mr. Charles Alexander, 5 lbs; Mr. Walker, 2½ doz. vaulla checolates; Mr. Jas. Aird, 5 lbs.; Montreal Biscuit Co., 10 lbs.; Mrs. Bickerstaff, 2 boxes; Mr. R. A. McGillis, 2 boxes, 2 lbs.; Mrs. A. Joyce, 2 boxes, 1 cornucopea; Mrs. Joslin, 5 lbs.; Misses Robinson; Mr. Alexander Scott, 1 box; Mrs.R. J. Rodden, 2 boxes; Miss Rodden, 2 boxes; Mrs. McAdam, 2 boxes; Mrs. W. J. Walker, 2 lbs.; Mrs. J. H. Williams, candy; Miss Ramsay, 2 baskets and box; Mr. A. O. Galarneau, 1 box; Mrs. H. F. Cook, 2 lbs.; Miss Jenkins, 1 lb.; Messrs. Geo. Holland & Sons, 1 doz. little baskets.

The following to the Pound Table-Mrs. R. L. Gaunt, 25 lbs. starch, 12 pk. gold jelly, 6 boxes biscuits; Mrs. A. S. Auld, 5 lbs. sngar; Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Patton, box tea; Mrs. H. Thomas, 2 lbs. prunes, 4 tins cocoa; Mrs. Aird, 6 cakes soap; Mrs. F. E. Grafton, 4 pk. corn starch; No Name, 10 lbs. sugar; Canada Sugar Refining Co., 1 barrel sugar; Mrs. John Cowan, 22 lbs. sugar : Mrs. D. H. Loynachan, 3 quarts marmalade; Mrs. Robt. Slack, 1 lb. tea, 1 box cream of wheat; Dionne & Dionne, 20 lbs. sugar; Mrs. J. T. Hager, 6 strainers, 6 toasters, 2 lbs. coffee, 2 lbs. sugar, cakes; Misses Stanley, 21bs. biscnits; Mrs. Sumner, 8 tray cloths; Mrs. Moody, Terrebonne, 3 lbs. butter, 1 lb. tea; Mrs. J. McLachlan, 5 lbs. sugar; Miss M. E. Baylis, 2 doz. tumblers; Mrs. De Forest Smith, 1 doz. tumblers, ½ doz. preserve dishes; Mrs. J. Hadley, home-made soap; Miss Moodie, 25 lbs. figs, 1 tin baking powder; Dr. and Mrs. Morgan, 3 tins beans, 3 tomatoes, 5 peas; Mr. McD. Lamb, bushel potatoes; Mrs. S. Evans, 3 lbs. tea; Mrs. W. G. Idler, 24½ lbs. oatmeal; Jos. Lamoureux, 1 case jelly (\$3);

Miss M. Robertson, 1 doz. oranges, pickles, box biscuits; Mrs. D. A. Kearnes, 2 tins peas, 2 tins greengages; Mrs. Warkle, oak table; Miss Sommerville, 1 beefsteak powder; No Name, 1 lb. rice; Misses Ryan and Duval, 12 doz. cakes soap ; Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Patton, 4 tins kippered herring, 4 peas, 4 beans, 4 tomatoes, 4. fruit; Mrs. Laren, 1 jelly; Mrs. G. F. Cooke, 5 lbs. tea; Mrs. Dawson, 3 pkg. corn starch; Mrs. Holland, 2 pk. flaked rice; Mrs. W. Hagar, 10 lbs. sugar; Mrs. Geo. Wait, 12 pk. pearline; Mrs. E. Holton, 10 lbs. sugar; Mrs. McFarlane, 10 lbs. sugar; No Name, 10 lbs. tea; Mrs. Thom, 6 jars marmalade; Mrs. M. Johnston, 3 pk. jelly, 1 box wafers; Misses Fisher, 1 lb. sugar; Mrs. W. McDunnough, 10 cakes Sapolio; Mrs. Gnaedinger, 4 qts. preserves; Miss Williams, 3 1bs. tea; Mrs. J. A. Grant, 5 cakes soap, 2 lbs. rice, 2 lbs. tapioca; Mr. Perry, home baking powder; Miss Malboeuf, 1 box biscuits, 15 lbs. washing soda; Mrs. A. Fisher, 10 lbs. sugar, 2 tins peaches, 2 pears, 2 plums, 4 tomatoes, 2 peas, 1 lb. prunes; Mr. John Cowan, 1 barrel sal soda; Mrs. Fred. Mussen, 10 lbs. sugar, 5 bars soap; Mrs. S. Bell, 25 lb. bag flour, 12 assorted veg. : Mrs. Macbeth, sugar; Mr. Girard, one doz. each of oranges and bananas; Mrs. W. F. Brown, 3 pk. corn starch : Laing Packing Co., tin syrup; Mrs. Gaunt, flowers; Miss Murray, flowers; Mrs. Sumner, cream milk, bread and butter; Mrs. Ed. Packard, 20 pk. assorted health foods; Mrs. Taylor, sugar, 3 pk. corn starch; Mrs. A. H. Thompson, coffee: Mrs. J. Baillie, sugar, tea; Mr. and Miss Harcourt, 5 lbs. sugar, 2 prunes; Mrs. Williams, pkg.; Mrs. Booth, rice; Harold Griffith, honey, maple sugar; "Jim" Griffith, biscuits; Mrs. Layton, 1 pkg. H.O.; Mrs. Rutherford, 2 pk. foods; Mrs. W. C. Nichol, biscuits; Mrs. W. F. Ramsay, marmalade; Mrs. James Walker, 2 tins cocoa; Mrs. Von Rappard, 3 jars jam; Mrs. Bonner, 3 lbs. sugar; No Name, 2 pkg. corn starch; Mrs. Thurston, soap; Miss Thurston, soap; Mrs. Stroud, figs; Mrs. Boyd, tapioca, jelly; Mrs. Tasker, sugar; Miss Hale, jam ; Miss G. Sumner, 1 pk. covn starch; Miss Jeffrey, maple sugar; Miss Sawtell, tea; Misses Bulmer and Nichol, 2 lbs. salt, jam; Miss Whittell, biscuits; Mrs. and Miss Ames, biscuits, marmalade; Miss Edwards, coffee; Mrs. Wood-

ley, 1 doz. lemons; Miss Hodgson, coffee; Mrs. D. Bowie, 1 doz. cans veg.; Mrs. E. M. Morgan, biscuits.

#### POUND SOCIAL A SUCCESS

FUNDS OF THE HOMOEOPATHIC HOSPITAL RECEIVE AN INCREASE.

A pound social was held in the Homoeopathic Hospital, 44 McGill College avenue, in aid of that institution, and was a success, being largely attended. Miss M. E. of the Woman's Baylis, Secretary Auxiliary, received donations of one pound of almost every conceivable article in the grocery line. Tea, coffee, honey, maple syrup, maple sugar, and health foods were among the principal There were also two donaarticles sent. tions of one pound each in money. Miss Lorenz, the superintendent of the hospital, received the visitors, among whom were Mr. Sam. Bell, ex-president; Mr. Hagar, president; Dr. Arthur Patton, chairman of the board of management; Mr. and Mrs. Summer, Mrs. E. Packard, Mrs. A. H. Thompson, Mrs. Rutherford, Mrs. Dr. Nichol, Mrs. J. A. Sheffield, Mrs. McLoughlin, Mrs. and Miss Gnaedinger, Mrs. MacBeth, Mrs. Neil Gunn, Mrs. M. Donough, Mrs. Henry Thomas, Mrs. Boyd, Miss Hale and many others. -Montreal Gazette.

#### POUND PARTY.

In addition to the donations received, the following amounts were taken in. The total will probably be increased when all returns are handed in.

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#### HOSPITAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The published list of subscriptions for the month of April shows the munificent sum of eight (8) dollars, one-quarter of which sum represents the amount of support given by homeopaths to our hos-The time has arrived in the hospital's career when something has to be done to remedy this condition of affairs, or an entire change in our policy must be inaugurated. Just how many public patients we can support on eight dollars per month we have not figured out, but we have figured out the expense of running the establishment and find it amounts to approximately twenty (20) dollars per day.

The solution of the question, as it now presents itself, is one we very much dislike to adopt, but will be forced to do so unless more generous support is given us, or to put it more plainly if some support is not torthcoming from our friends we will have to refuse admission to all public patients and convert the institution into a purely revenue-raising proposition.

At present the hospital is paying its way, because all its private accommodation is taken up. So long as this state of affairs holds, we can keep running, but slack times usually come to hospitals as well as to mercantile institutions, and when such time comes we must perforce go behind or close up. As a remedy and preventive for this contingency, we can increase the capacity of caring for private and revenue-producing patients by using the four public wards and thereby doubling our earning power. It is not our wish to do so, but we must keep the

hospital open and furnish training for our nurses.

We have tried to put our case plainly and strongly before our friends ere this, and the results have not been encouraging. We have spoken of the maintenance debt of \$2,000, which came to us from former years, and still remains unpaid, but to no purpose as yet. This debt is the reason for our cramped financial position, and greedily absorbs any surplus revenue we can earn without being sensibly diminished. We are now (with our eight dollar monthly subscription list) at the meeting of the ways, and our future course must be determined by the generosity of our friends. What are you going to do about it! Are we to deny the deserving poor the benefits of homeopathic treatment for lack of funds, or will we, while waiting and hoping for the millenium, degenerate into a strictly money-making machine for the sake of self-preservation?

Remember, we have a debt of \$2,000 which must be cleared away before we can fully realize our hope of the hospital's true mission. We feel our position all the more keenly when we consider that there are more than enough adherents to homoopathy and friends of the hospital to obviate the necessity for any such appeals as this, if they would give but one dollar apiece. The hospital treasurer will be pleased to acknowledge any subscriptions which may be sent to the hospital, addressed to Dr. E. M. Mergan. We want money, we want it now, and we will be thankful for any amount you may feel able to send. Let us hear from you.

Dr. J. R. Kippax, Professor of Medical Jurisprudence in the Chicago Homœopathic Medical College, writes: "Radnor Water is an agreeable and exceedingly pure table water, and surpasses the leading German Waters in therapeutic value."

#### HOSPITAL NOTES

MONIJILY donations, eight dollars.

THE HOSPITAL is greatly in need of repainting and freshening up, but the funds are lacking.

THROUGH the generosity of a friend the pantry has been supplied with a dumb waiter.

DR. LLOYD POLLOCK, who so ably filled the position of resident physician in our hospital for the past year, has gone to his home, Fort Worth, Texas, where he will assist his father in looking after one of the largest practices in that city.

WE WOULD like to have a pound party every month, A full larder maketh a glad hospital.

THE TOTAL hospital receipts last month were \$670.50; of this, eight dollars represented the aid received from outside.

THIS IS A good time of the year to pay off coal bills, as they have stopped growing. Won't you help us to square up ours, so we can make better terms for next season's supply.

THE MAN who painted the front steps the first time decamped, probably to save lynching.

ALL DONATIONS to the hospital are acknowledged in the Record; no private notes of receipt are sent, unless the donation is made to the Woman's Auxiliary, through its secretary.

THERE ARE four cases at present in the Maternity Annex, and five applications for accommodation for this month.

THE NUMBER of patients treated in the hospital from Nov. 1, 1900, to May 3, 1901, was 94, and from Nov. 1, 1901, to May 3, 1902, 142, a fair showing of gain for the half year.

AS A NUMBER of complaints have reached the committee of management about people not knowing where or to whom to send subscriptions; we would say try addressing the treasurer, Dr. E. M. Morgan, care of the hospital, and he will see that all such complaints are remedied.

SEVERAL NOTICES have been received from the post office authorities, indicating that some of our subscribers have failed to notify us of their change of address.

LAST YEAR'S subscriptions were \$300.00 less than those of the previous year and this year's bid fair to show a greater falling off.

THE next monthly meeting of the Committee of Management will be held on Monday, May 19, instead of May 26.

THE LADY SUPERINTENDENT says, in her report to the Committee of Management, "April has been a very busy month and the nurses have been a credit to the school."

OWING TO the illness of the treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary, no financial report has been prepared this month.

THE LIST of acknowledgments published in this issue may not be complete, owing to parcels aud donors' names getting separated. We will remedy this in next month's Record.

DON'T YOU think it would be well to send in now a portion of the subscription you mean to give later on. It will save you from worrying about the whole of it during the summer holidays.

WE WOULD like to celebrate the coronation by a distribution of money among our creditors. Do you think we can manage it?

THE DISPENSARY is open every week day from 11.30 a. m. to 1 p.m. for the free advice and treatment of the deserving poor, a fee of 10 cents for medicine being charged those who can pay. If you know of any poor people in need of medical services tell them about our outdoor department.

DON'T YOU think you could afford to give the hospital, say twenty-five dollars on condition that it raises a like amount, in a reasonable time; if it cannot, you get your money back, so you may not have to part with it after all. Try it.

#### ELDERLY CENTENARIANS.

A despatch from Athens records the death at Khuti, Albania, of Ismael Hudjo, said to have been the oldest man in the world. It is said that he was 160 years old. He leaves 200 descendants. Mrs. Ann Taylor, one of the historical characters of the city of St. Joseph, Mo., died there recontly aged 110 years. For more than a century she had been addicted to the use of tobacco and liquor.

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#### DONATIONS IN APRIL

The Lady Superintendent acknowledges with thanks the following :

Dominion Square Sunday School Plants.

M. Pellosse 1 clothes basket.

Mrs. G. D. Phillips — Easter gifts for nurses, etc.: for "Phillips Room" - 2 silver table spoons, 3 silver dessert spoons, 2 silver dinner forks, 2 silver dessert forks, 1 doz pillow cases, 1 doz. towels, 1 pair curtains, screen covers.

Woman's Auxiliary-11 doz. table napkins, 4 tray cloths.

Mrs. J. T. Hagar — For "Hagar Room'-sugar bowl, cream jug. toilet

Mrs. Gaunt, for "Gaunt Room"sugar bowl.

Mrs. Johnston-Medical appliances.

P. D. Dodds & Co. - 2 tins white enamel.

Sharpe's Express Co. -- Free cartage.

Pugsley & Dingam—Box Comfort soap. Mrs. J. A. Mathewson, jr. 1 box tea.

The Lang Mfg. Co.—Box biscuits (171 lbs.)

Mrs. J. Cowan-Magazines.

Miss M. Robertson-1 doz. tray cioths.

Mr. S. Bell-1 Morris chair.

Mr. W. V. Dawson - 1 ream of note paper, envelopes, (\$3.00)

Mr. G. E. Hart - For printing the same (\$2.00).

Dr. E. M. Morgan - Expense of putting in dumb waiter.

#### PHILLIPS TRAINING SCHOOL NOTES.

Miss Keating, "01," has applied for admission to Memorial Hospital, Brooklyn, for a post graduate course.

Misses Bartholomew and Drysdale have returned from their holidays.

Nurse Brown is away on her vacation.

Owing to the pressure of work in the hospital, the nurses' examinations have been delayed but will probably be over by the end of this month.

An examination paper on the Theory and Practice of Nursing will be given to senior class ere the close of the term.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CASH DONA-TIONS IN APRIL.

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#### HOT WATER DRINKING.

There are four classes of persons who should no drink large quantities of hot water. These are as follows:

1. People who have irritability of the heart. Hot water will cause palpitation of the heart in such cases.

2. Persons with dilated stomachs.

3. Persons afflicted with "sour stom-

4. Persons who have soreness of the stomach, or pain induced by light pres-

These rules are not for those who take hot water simply to relieve thirst better than cold water, and for that purpose is not to be condemned. But hot water is an excitant, and in cases in which irritation of the stomach exists should be avoided .- Indiana Lancet.

RESULT OF "ABSENT TREAT-MENT."

A young woman, who is a so-called Christian Scientist, had observed with a growing pity a cripple who passed her house daily. His efforts to walk were so evidently painful that she determined to try the "absent treatment" on him. After the first few days of her selfimposed task she thought she noticed signs of improvement, and one day he appeared without his crutch and walked with hardly a limp. She was so overjoyed that she rushed to the street, seized the man's hand, and said: "My dear friend, you must excuse me, but I cannot refrain from rejoicing with you over your cure. I have used faithfully the 'absent treatment' for your infirmity, and I cannot tell you how happy I am to see by your walk that you have recovered." When the man rallied from the bewildering effect of this sudden outburst of "present treatment" he replied: "Thank ye kindly, ma'am, for your interest in me. I don't suppose it has hurt me any. But I may as well say I have just got a new wooden leg with rubber foot, and it works splendid, ma'am. The other old wood-foot-thing always did make me limp."—The American Homeopathist.

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