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### OUR DONATION.

We would direct attention to the munificent donation of Mrs. Francis Scholes noticed elsewhere in the present number of the Record. It will be recalled by some of our readers that about three years ago Mrs. Scholes gave another practical proof of her interest in our good work by a gift of \$500.00, adding to this, on two subsequent occasions the sums of \$200.00 and has at various times materially assisted the hospital's enterprises.

Mrs Scholes is the widow of one who was much interested in homœopathy, and its growth in Montreal; the late Francis Scholes, Esq., in his lifetime, one of our most respected citizens. Mr. Scholes' experience with homœopathy began not so many years since, under the skilful treatment of our friend Dr. Wm. McHarrie, at that time of Montreal and connected with our hospital, and now, of Seattle, Wash.

### PAINTING.

The financial position of our hospital being now an easier one, than we have occupied since the institution was opened in 1894, the time seems meet and proper, for the inauguration and prosecution of some, of the many needed improvements, the management has had in contemplation, for the past year, and which were kept in abeyance thought lack of funds. It has been the aim of the management to practice economy, almost to the straining point, so long as we could not meet our obligations, thereby preventing the carrying out of much needed repair and improvement work. The time has now arrived when some of this must be done as a means of economy if for no other reason; for instance, the repainting of the hospital interior is absolutely necessary and the, sooner it is done the less it will cost. Such a measure would be one of economy, as well as enhancing the value of our hospital and adding to its earning ability. The cost of this improvement would be in the neighborhood of \$600.00.

With the experience of the past few years still fresh in our minds, we do not eagerly seek after another struggle with the debt question and consequently must ask our friends to aid us in this special work. Our hospital has the reputation of being the neatest and best appointed small hospital in Canada and we must live up to our reputation, which by the way,

is one of the best advertisements homoeopathy possibly could get under any circumstances. The sum above mentioned is not a large one, and could easily be raised among us, even in \$1.00 subscriptions not to mention an occasional \$5.00 and \$10.00 donation for this special work. Once the interior of the hospital has been thoroughly renovated, it will be at least 5 years before another such process will be necessary and if you give \$5.00 towards this object it will not seem very much when spread over a like number of years. If you cannot afford this, spread it over one year, and get your friends to help with the balance.

Remember, this work must be done now, ere the busy winter season sets in, and we are going to do it: with your help and without debt worrying perplexities, or, if no other way offers, we will have to bear the harrying process of seeking relief from another season of necessarily incurred obligations. We trust that our friends will respond promptly, and freely, to this appeal for so necessary an object, an appeal out of the ordinary kind, urgent, yet not onerous, and one which should touch the purse of every one who takes pride in our institution, and has the best interest of the hospital at heart. Once more, we say, give, and you will see the value for your money.

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The Christian Scientist and Faith Curist, viewed from the commercial standpoint, are getting to be recognized as persons who do not take average care of their lives. For insurance purposes they are being classed along with habitual drinkers and those who follow hazardous occupations. Thus, one of the greatest and most conservative insurance companies in the world, the Mutual Life, of New York, refuses to issue policies upon the lives of Christian Scientists.

It is a fact not generally known that girls or boys from families where there are no other children are almost always below the average in health and vitality.

#### HINTS.

Gramatum is said to be the remedy for persistent vertigo.

Chininum ars. they say, will cure more cases of plain diarrhoea than any other remedy.

Echinacea for gangrene is a valuable pointer.

Never forget Ratanhia in pruritus ani.

In the eruptive stage Tartar emetic is the best remedy internally to prevent pitting in small-pox.

Don't forget Ferrum pic. 3x in very warty cases; it has cleared many disgustingly warty hands.

It is said that Sanguinaria nit. will stop a tickling cough oftener than any other remedy.

Try Castanea vesca 0 in intractable whooping cough.

Good old homoeopathic Calendula is the best all-round antiseptic, and the best healer of all bleeding wounds or cuts.

Antimonium sulph. aur 1x "golden sulphur," according to Mossa, is almost a specific for the coughs when the patient is "sore all over"—winter coughs. 2x would probably be better.

Causticum 2x dilution is a good dressing for deep burns or scalds that refuse to heal.

"If no mischief be done by the physician or nurse, small-pox is the lightest and safest of all diseases." So it was said by Sydenham, the "Father of English Medicine."

Pat asserts that the man doesn't live who is able to take "one pill three times a day."—Homoeop. Recorder.

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An anonymous donor has given \$500,000 to the North London Hospital for Consumptives.

The first patent medicine, it is said, ever put up for sale in America was a proposed cure for tuberculosis. It was called "Tuscarora Rice," and was compounded and sold by a Mrs. Masters, who erected a large establishment for its manufacture in New Jersey, about 1711.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FROM  
LOUISVILLE CITY HOSPITAL.

The entire medical staff of the City Hospital in Louisville is composed of an equal representation from six medical colleges, five old school and one homœopathic. Each old school college appoints its own medical and surgical staff, each of which has charge of five-sixths of all the patients in the hospital at one time, serving in successful order a term of two months (the remaining two months are filled by other physicians in the city), while the staff appointed by the South-western H. mœopathic College is on duty all the year round and receives every sixth patient admitted. The homœopathic patients lie in the same ward, side by side with their fellow sufferers of the old school, receive the same nursing, the same kind of food, and are, of course, subject to the same atmospheric and mental influences. The only difference in the treatment of these two classes of patients is in the medicines they receive. It does seem, therefore, that this arrangement should afford a fair chance for the demonstration of the comparative value of the therapeutics of the two schools. Drs. Clendenin and Askenstedt collected, with this purpose in mind the records in the official ledgers from April 1, 1899, when the above organization of the staff went into effect, until December 1, 1901, a period of 32 months. During this time there have been in the medical wards, 398 deaths on the old school side, while the homœopaths lost only 73 a gain under homœopathic treatment of 8.3 per cent. That this favorable showing can not be accounted for by an unusually large number of homœopathic patients being admitted to the surgical wards is apparent from the figures obtained from the cases under surgical treatment: 103 cases in the old school hands were lost and only 11 under the care of the homœopaths a gain of 46.6 per cent. Nor can it be ac-

counted for by any undue desire on the part of the homœopathic internes to make a record by dismissing cases of incurable diseases pronately, for although the cases of malignant tumors are slightly in their favor 2 deaths to 17 of old school, the cases of pulmonary phthisis, which are usually admitted in the last stage, bear the exact proportion of one to five 21 deaths under homœopathic treatment to 105 under the old school while in organic heart disease the comparison is most unfavorable to the homœopaths 10 to 29. Homœop. Recorder.

## CURE FOR "PIN WORMS."

Editor Medical World:—I notice frequent questions and suggestions as to best method of curing those who suffer from "pin worms." As but one remedy is required, if it will "do the work," I will tell the World readers what that remedy is. Just plain, common INDIGO. Dissolve a lump the size of a well-matured May cherry (I never weighed it or would give in grains) in a glass of cold water, and give at bed time. One dose a week for a while and the trouble is over. I endured the torture of pin worm affliction for many months. Doctors far and near failed to do me any good. I gave up my work in college and started home. Could not study, sleep nor be still. I heard of the indigo cure. It brings them away by hundred, and the awful torture is (I was going to say, "at an end," but some doctor would say, "why, of course,") passed. "The end justifies the means."  
Muncie, Ind. W. A. Spurgeon, M.D.

—The following call for professional services was sent to a doctor recently: "Dear Doctor: My wife's mother is at death's door. Please come in and see if you can't pull her through." Ex.

It is reported that Noah Raby, the well known centenarian, who for thirty years has been an inmate of the Piscataway Poorhouse, near Plainfield, N. J., is suffering from an attack of measles. He boasts of having lived for more than 128 years, and is believed to be the oldest person in the United States,

## MENTAL REMEDIES.

The Homœopathic World of September has an interesting letter from Dr. Thos. Skinner, of London on Mental Obsessions. Here are some of the mental states and the remedies that cure them :

One lady dreaded a knife because when she saw one "she felt horribly inclined to cut her throat with it." In Jahr's Symptomen Codex under Alumina in the symptom: "As soon as she sees blood or a knife she has horrid thought of killing herself, although she abhors the idea of doing so." Alumina cured the case.

Another case was that of a young man of 18 who whenever he went for a walk would suddenly imagine some one was in pursuit of him. He would then make for home as fast as he could leg it, and would resent anyone's trying to stop him. Anacardium orientale cured him. Under that remedy in the provings is recorded the symptom. "Anxiety when walking, as is some one were pursuing him."

Another young man was possessed with an unnatural dread of going up stairs to his room in the dark because "as soon as I open my bed-room door. I am certain to see a spectre behind it." Sepia cured him, because it covered the totality of his symptoms.

Another lady was sure she had ruined children by giving them things, apples, oranges, etc. Under Sulphur in the symptom: "She imagines she is giving wrong things to people, causing their death," and Sulphur cured the case.

A clergyman had a loved son of 10, but was possessed with a fearful desire to flog him without reason or to throw him over cliffs when out walking. Under Nux Vomica is the symptom: "The desire to kill loved ones, the impulse being deplored." This remedy cured this case. Also Mercurius viv. has cured similar cases.

A young woman, pleasant looking had a desire to kill her husband. When asked if she loved him she replied, "Yes, I do; I mean to go for him some night," and she showed a knife and said: "I have this knife always under my pillow and when he sleeps with me I tell him plainly that I have got the knife under my pillow; but it seems to have no other effect than lullaby, as he goes off to sleep and snores." Nux Vomica and Mercurius viv. helped the case.

All these remedies were given in rather high potencies,

HOMŒOPATHIC ENVOY.

## MISCELLANY.

Marriage of first cousins has been illegal in Pennsylvania since January 1st 1901, and all such marriages contracted in the State since that date are void.

Some means ought to be contrived to prevent consumptives from attending theaters, conventions, parties, etc. and abolish the custom of having one or two cups for a general communion. Some suitable sputum cup should be supplied to every patient and the patient compelled to use it. The friends of a consumptive patient should not be too closely associated with them; should be careful of eating and drinking utensils that have been exposed to the tubercle germ.

Let the patient choose a practitioner in whom he has a confidence and stick to him. He will probably understand his case better than the August Flower or Peruna man.—Ex.

Not only do many physicians follow routine fashion of new and untried drugs, but other fads as well. A fad that will sooner or later explode, that has been followed possibly to an unjustifiable degree, is the "boiling" fad. "Boil the milk and boil the water" has been advised and followed until little of the original elements remained over. We were taught that pasteurizing and sterilizing liquids destroyed pathogenic microbic life. Now scientific investigation has proved that boiling only kills the feeblest, the least injurious germs. A noted English scientist, and a recognized authority on water, says: "The germs which propagate epidemic and zymotic diseases may be boiled three hours, yet not be destroyed." Ex.

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## NOTES.

We have received from Mrs. Francis Scholes, of University St., this city, a handsome donation of \$1,000. This, coming as it does in the nature of a surprise, has made it difficult to find words to adequately express our gratitude to the donor for her generosity.

Mrs. Scholes has ever been a generous friend to our institution, and the management have therefore deemed it appropriate that this latest evidence of her interest in the sick and suffering should be suitably recognized by some permanent improvement. With this end in view it is proposed that the semi-private ward for women (second floor) shall be completely equipped, and designated as the "Scholes Ward."

When the proposed alterations rendered possible by this gift, and already approved by Mrs. Scholes, shall have been carried out, this will be the model ward of the hospital, and one that will be an enduring evidence of our grateful appreciation. In writing the above we have voiced the feelings of the hospital management, being sure that the sentiments expressed will also find favor with all friends of the hospital and of homoeopathy.

From the "Hospital Leaflet" we clip the following item, showing practical gratitude towards nurses which savors somewhat of "entertaining an angel unawares":—The superintendent and five nurses of the Protestant Hospital, Burlington, Iowa, recently received a gift of one thousand dollars each from an Illinois farmer who had been a patient under their care.

The same source informs us that the nurses of the Chicago Visiting Nurses' Association made 37,756 visits to 5,915 patients in 1901.

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Nurse Trench, the last of the nurses to take vacation, has returned to duty after an enjoyable holiday across the border.

Miss Keating, "01," who has spent the last six months in New York, has returned to Montreal and again taken up work.

Most of our graduate nurses are out of town, some on holidays and some on duty. As the holiday season is over their return may be looked for, and it is desirable that they should report their address and telephone numbers to the Lady Superintendent.

All of our nurses have had their holidays and with the exception of Miss Warriner, who is taking care of sickness in her family, all have reported for duty.

During the closing week of last month three of our nurses were on the sick list, fortunately for a thort time only.

The attention of our friends, and the ladies especially, is directed towards the nurses' quarters in the Maternity Annex. Some means should be devised to render them more comfortable and relieve the crowding now seemingly unavoidable.

One of our nurses almost persuaded a well man, a visitor to one of the patients, that he would be the better for medical and nursing care, much to his bewilderment. His temperature, however, did not equal her's after she discovered she had put the thermometer in the wrong man's mouth. This of course was nearly a month ago, and she has regained her normal temperature and pulse rate since.

The following, taken from the Medical Century, will be of interest to the many friends of our former Lady Superintendent:—"Miss Mabel Kent, a graduate of the J. S. Mitchell Training School for Nurses, has been appointed superintendent of the Toledo Hospital. The Toledo Hospital has in attendance a homoeopathic and an allopathic staff of physicians. Miss Kent, although in a particularly hard position, is giving excellent satisfaction to all parties concerned."

Ten blind physician, it is said, are active practitioners in the United States.

## MONTREAL HOMOEOPATHIC RECORD.

### HOSPITAL NOTES.

THE BUSIEST summer in the hospital's history.

MORE WORK was done in the Maternity Annex during August, than in any one month before.

WE WOULD like to call your attention to the article on Painting in this issue and get your practical conclusions on its value.

IF YOU KNOW of anyone competent to take charge of the house keeping duties of an institution like ours, communicate with the Lady Superintendent, who would also like to hear of someone able and willing to perform the duties of cook.

YOU WILL doubtless notice the new advertisements in this issue. We have room for more, from like first class houses. Incidentally, you might take note of your subscription and see if our list could not be increased through your efforts.

DR. ROY UPHAM, Hahnemann hospital New York, was a visitor to our hospital this month. Dr. Upham was on a visit to relations in Montreal.

MISS LAWRENCE, a former pupil of our training school during Miss Kent's regime, and who recently graduated from the Metropolitan Hospital Training School New York, has returned to the city, and will take up work here.

WE CLIP the following from the Chicago Alumni News-Letter, about one of our former resident physicians "Dr. A. J. Weirick, '99, Kempton, Ill., was married recently at his old home Marseilles, Ill. We wish the doctor and his bride much happiness."

DR. O. W. BRADLEY, went to Sherbrooke last month to look after Dr. Spencer's practice, during the latter's vacation. The doctor reports homoeopathy as gaining ground in that vicinity and particularly among the better classes.

DR. G. B. MAXWELL, formerly of this city, and now of Chicopee Falls, Mass. has promised to pay us a visit during this month. Dr. Maxwell was connected with our hospital in its early days, being a member of the surgical staff.

MRS. G. D. PHILLIPS whose generosity and benefactions have made our hospital not only a possibility, but a reality, and are too well known to need comment upon, was in town from Lennoxville, for a few days early this month. While in the city Mrs. Phillips was frequent visitor to the hospital, when her son Mr. Chas. Phillip has been a patient for some time past.

THE LADY SUPERINTENDENT has gone on her vacation, the nursing staff having completed theirs. Miss Trench will have charge of affairs during her absence.

REMEMBER the quarterly meeting of the governors on Sept. 25th at 5 p. m. As the last quarterly meeting had to be adjourned for lack of quorum, there should be a large attendance at this fall meeting.

THE MONTHLY Meeting of the Committee of Management for August was adjourned owing to lack of quorum. A special Meeting was held on Sept. 3rd to authorise acceptance of Mrs. Scholes' donation. The regular monthly Meeting will be held on Sept. 23rd, and a full attendance is requested, as matters of importance will be brought-up.

TENDERS are called for, and estimates requested for the painting of the interior of the hospital, so that we may be able to stop subscriptions to the painting fund when they have reached the figures needed.

THE NUMBER of patients cared for in our hospital to Sept. 1st 1902 was 248, as against 168 for a like period in 1901, an increase of 80. The number of operations to Sept. 1st 1902 was 86 being an increase of 34 over any former year. Thirty-four patients have been accommodated in the Maternity Annex and the rooms still keep engaged well ahead of time.

WE FIND THAT the expenses of the Maternity Annex, justify our adding a nominal charge (for actual confinement) to the regulation rates. This arrangement went into force on Sept. 1st. The second death in the Annex, since its opening, took place last month, an infant 5 days old.

DRS. FLORENCE. L. A. EVANS and E. F. Tydeman, of Baltimore, recent graduates Southern Hom. College, passed the examination of the Montreal College of Homœopathic Physicians and Surgeons, held in the latter part of August. The markings obtained by these candidates were among the best ever given by the examiners. At present, the doctors are located in Baltimore, but, with this degree, and license, will if they so elect, be enabled to practice in the province of Quebec, as well as receive any benefits that may accrue, should the new Dominion Medical Registration Act passed at last session of parliament become adopted by the various provinces.

NOW THAT ALL have returned from the summer holidays, it would be well to make preparations for the annual bazaar of the Woman's Auxiliary, so that there may be no unnecessary hurry in having your donations ready in time. This notice may enable you to help to make this event an even greater success, than last year.

OWING TO the absence of the ladies during the summer months, no meetings were held and we have been unable to present the financial reports of the Woman's Auxiliary. Next month we hope to furnish a synopsis of the work done since June.

HOSPITAL WANTS.

- Money, MONEY, MONEY.
- Boxes of soap.
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- Barrel of flour.
- Fruit for preserving.
- Fruit for eating.
- An armful of palm leaf fans.
- Barrel of chip soap.
- A housekeeper.
- A good cook.

International Journal of Surgery calls attention to a very important point, viz., that little children should never be operated on during very hot weather if the surgeon can choose his own time. They are very apt at this time, however carefully they are fed, to develop a severe form of intractable diarrhea.

HOSPITAL REPORT FOR AUGUST.

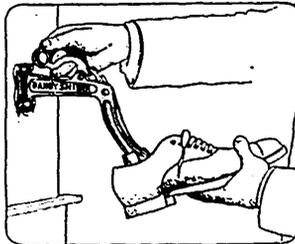
Number of patients in hospital Aug. 1, 18	
Admitted.	
Private patients	15
Semi-private patients	7
Public	5
Maternity	5
	32
Discharged.	
Private patients	17
Semi-private	7
Public	10
Maternity	3
	37
Died	2
Operations	10
Number of days private nursing, outside	19
Number of days private nursing in hospital	12
Remaining in hospital Sept. 1st	14

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**Pecuniary Value of a Woman's life.**—Coming down to the question of a woman's relative worth in dollars and cents as compared to man's, the courts seem to give man the best of it. It is generally accepted in all courts that a man's life is worth \$5,000 at least, and this amount is usually given in a verdict for damages in case of death. But a court in Maine rendered a verdict of \$3,500 in a case in which a woman's life was sacrificed, and the Supreme Court cut it down to \$2,500. Likewise in New Jersey, the Supreme Court reduced a \$5,000 to \$2,500. Hence, we presume a woman is hereafter to be considered worth \$2,500, while her husband will bring twice that sum.—  
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