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MR. CLERK'S GENEROUS GIFT.

TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE JUBILEE ENDOWMENT.

In the April number of the Record reference was made to the hope that in an early issue the pleasure of announcing a handsome contribution to the Jubilee Endowment would be enjoyed. It has come about even sooner than was anticipated. At the meeting of the Committee of Management of the Hospital held on the 9th instant, a letter was read from Mr. Alexander Clerk, the kind and warm-hearted friend referred to. In this letter Mr. Clerk informed the Committee, through the Treasurer, that he had transferred to the trustees of the Jubilee Endowment an investment of \$10,000 in a first-class security which would yield an annual revenue of about four and three-eighths per cent. Mr. Samuel Bell, the Chairman of the Committee, voiced the feelings of those present, and in fact of all connected with the management and responsibilities of the Hospital, when he said that words were quite inadequate to express the gratitude they all felt toward Mr. Clerk for this grand and practical illustration of his interest in the work of the Hospital. He further said that all would feel strengthened and encouraged to persist in the good work in consequence of Mr. Clerk's considerate action.

He then moved, seconded by all those

present, the following resolutions, which were unanimously carried:

Resolved—That we have received with deep thankfulness the letter of Mr. Alexander Clerk, conveying the information of his munificent gift of ten thousand dollars to our Jubilee Endowment.

Resolved—That our warmest thanks are due and are hereby tendered to our generous friend for his timely and considerate action, and that it is our earnest wish that in continued health and strength he may have the happiness of contemplating the good results of his wise course, as well as the satisfaction of seeing it followed by others.

Resolved—That we feel that the noble gift of our good friend marks an epoch in the forward progress of our Hospital. First, its establishment in 1894 by the aid of another generous friend, next its extension and enlarged usefulness in 1896, and now the laying of the foundation stone of an Endowment Fund, without which its beneficent work would continue to be hampered and deferred.

Resolved—That the Secretary be instructed to convey to Mr. Clerk a copy of these resolutions.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Clerk's example will soon be followed by others, and that a considerable sum will thus be placed at the credit of the Jubilee Endowment at an early date.

HOMŒOPATHY TODAY.

The following extracts from the "Transactions of the American Institute of Homœopathy," may be of interest, and will possibly demonstrate that the adherents to the doctrine of *similia similibus curantur* have some right to recognition apart from the absolute truth of their belief.

From the report of 1897 we learn that the Institute is in its fifty-second year being two years older than the national organization of the "regulars." The

session was held in Buffalo, our representative being Dr. A. R. Griffith.

The report says there are in the United States nine National Societies, two Sectional Societies, thirty-two State Societies and three Miscellaneous Homœopathic Societies, also eighty-six Local Societies and forty Homœopathic Clubs. There are in the United States sixty-seven General and seventy-two Special Homœopathic Hospitals, of which thirty-nine General and forty-five Special Hospitals have sent in reports. The eighty-four hospitals reporting have a capacity for 9,183 beds, there were 33,962 patients treated during the past year, of which 18,000 were cured, 8,979 relieved, 1,293 were not relieved and 1,587 died, the death rate being a trifle over four per cent.; the unusually large death rate being due to the extra number of phthisis (consumption) cases received during the year 1896-1897.

There are fifty-seven Homœopathic Dispensaries, thirty-seven of which have reported. In these there were 179,497 patients treated during the year and 529,574 prescriptions were made; there were also 15,336 outside visits made.

There were twenty-one Homœopathic Medical Colleges, twenty of whom reported. In these there were 1,856 students and 475 graduates; there were in these colleges 11,856 Alumni. One new college was opened in Kansas City. There were thirty-two Homœopathic journals published in the United States. No reports were received from several very large hospitals, such as Cook County Hospital, Chicago (1,250 beds); Hahnemann, Chicago (300 beds); Baptist, Chicago; Grace Hospital, Detroit; Brooklyn Homœopathic, New York Ophthalmic, Utica Homœopathic, Albany Homœopathic, City Hospital, Quincy, Mass.; Lowell General, and thirty-six others, many of them being of greater capacity than the Montreal General or Royal Victoria Hospitals.

Speaking of the condition of Homœopathy in foreign countries the report says:—

"In Austria-Hungary it has simply held its own during the past semi-decade. In Belgium there are one hundred practitioners, two societies and two journals. In compliance with the popular demand the Government opened a homœopathic dispensary January 1st, 1892, whose prescriptions increased to fourteen fold in four years. In Denmark the situation is absolutely unchanged. In France it still has a strong hold on

the hearts of the people and the demand for additional practitioners of the New School is very considerable. Germany, supports 400 homœopathic physicians and three journals. Great Britain has eleven homœopathic hospitals, each maintaining an out-patient department; also eleven other dispensaries. The British Homœopathic Society numbers 219 members. In the Dominion of Canada there are two hospitals with fifty and one hundreds beds respectively, one dispensary, and thirty-nine practitioners. India has sixty "duly qualified" practitioners, with an indefinite number of those but partially trained. There are two schools of instruction in the Science of Medicine and two journals. In Calcutta alone, fifty strictly homœopathic pharmacies find abundant support. Holland reports but six physicians, yet the laity is thoroughly in favor of New Medicine, and has organized a society for the promotion of Homœopathy which supports two student physicians in Budapesth while they are completing their studies. In Italy are to be found fifty-two doctors, three societies, three magazines, nine reliable pharmacies, and five regular dispensaries, besides a number of small private ones. Portugal contains twenty well known physicians and five pharmacies. Russia has fifty-two practitioners, nine societies, three hospitals, and seventeen pharmacies. Switzerland reports twenty physicians.

Of the hospitals, general, special and private, reporting the value of their property there are 90 footing up an aggregate sum of \$9,663,500. New York leads with 26 institutions whose property is valued at \$3,283,500. Pennsylvania comes next with 9 hospitals, with a value of \$1,863,000. Ohio has 8 hospitals representing a value of \$440,000.

Of the colleges reporting to the Institute, thirteen of them have property aggregating in value \$1,828,000. Ten of them report an aggregate yearly income of \$190,993, and five of them have endowments aggregating the princely sum of \$2,588,800.

The believers (?) in heroic medicine would do well to investigate and perchance discover the "germ" which causes all this trouble in the body medical, ere they brand it as a delusion and a passing fancy.

A. D. P.

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OBITUARY

We have to record with deep regret the sudden death, since the last issue of this paper, of Major E. J. Evans, one of the staunchest friends of Homeopathy, and a warm supporter of the Hospital from its beginning. The loss his death brings the large circle of loving friends, as well as to all connected with the Hospital, was expressed in the following resolution passed at a meeting of the Homeopathic Association on May 2nd, a copy of which was sent to Mrs. Evans:

Resolved,—That we take this opportunity to place upon record an expression of our profound sorrow at the sudden taking away of our esteemed friend, Major Richard John Evans. That we hereby record our high appreciation of his manly and Christian qualities, and of his warm and unflinching interest in the cause of homeopathy, as well as an expression of our sense of the great loss his death will prove to the work of our association, a work which he had so closely at heart.

To Mrs. Evans and her daughters we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their great bereavement.

PRESENTATIONS.

The Hospital was the scene of an interesting double event on Wednesday, the 11th, at 4 o'clock, when a handsome large oil portrait of Mrs. W. E. Phillips was presented to the hospital by some of her friends. Canon Ellegood made the presentation in a happy little address, to which Mrs. Phillips responded in feeling and grateful terms of her appreciation of the honor done her. Mrs. Phillips referred to the approaching jubilee of the Canon, and a similar honor to be conferred upon him at that time.

The second event was the bestowal of the gold medal of the Phillips Training School upon Nurse Kesby, who had completed the two years course in connection with the school. It is usual for the nurses to purchase their own medals, but that of Miss Kisby was given by the Woman's Auxiliary, as a slight expression of its appreciation of all she had done for the institution. Ever ready to fill a gap, most efficient in looking after the house-keeping in emergencies, cheerful and untiring in her efforts at all times, she leaves the hospital with the best wishes of her many friends. As Mrs. Phillips pinned on the dainty medal, so faithfully earned,

she alluded to the rumors of a romance soon to be consummated. Miss Kisby in a few modest words thanked the members of the Auxiliary for their gift and her happy sojourn in the hospital, where she felt her life had been saved in her severe illness just as she was entering on her course, causing her to be peculiarly grateful for its benefits.

Dr. H. M. Patton, Medical Superintendent, then read the covenant of the school, which was repeated by the graduating nurse, upon which her diploma was handed to her, and the proceedings were brought to a close by a social half hour, when light refreshments were provided by the Woman's Auxiliary, and visitors had an opportunity to go through the building.

The oil painting of Mrs. Phillips, which has been pronounced an excellent likeness, is the work of the talented young artist, Miss Tucker, of Westmount.

THE BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A VERY PLEASANT AND SUCCESSFUL FUNCTION—\$147.26 THE GROSS RESULT.

On the second anniversary of the opening of the wing of the Hospital, April 26th, a very successful Birthday Party was given by the Woman's Auxiliary, at the beautiful residence of the president of the Hospital, Mr. Samuel Bell, who kindly opened his house to the many friends who responded to the invitations issued by the Woman's Auxiliary.

The guests were received by Mrs. Bell, assisted by Mrs. George Sumner and Mrs. W. Sutherland Taylor. Beautiful roses and carnations adorned the handsome drawing rooms, and added color and fragrance to the tea-room, where light refreshments were provided by the host and hostess during the evening.

Mrs. J. T. Hagar presided over the tea cups, assisted by the following young ladies: the Misses Sumner, Miss W. Hagar, Miss Ross, Miss Ida Macfarlane, Miss Roy and Miss Edith Boyd.

An enjoyable musical programme had been prepared, contributed by the following ladies and gentlemen: Mrs. Ernest Muir, Miss Witham, Miss Saunderson, Miss Sheffield, Miss Walker, Miss W. Hagar, Miss Sumner, Mr. Marshall Williams, Master Fred U'ley, Mr. Birks, Mr. Hilton and Mr. Griggs.

The birthday basket, prettily decorated in yellow, was in charge of Mrs. C. DeForest Smith, and into it the guests

dropped the little birthday sacks, containing the secret of the number of their untold and unguessed years in cents. The gross result of these contributions was \$147.26 for the treasury of the hospital.

Some of the poetic feelings of the contributors have been preserved and are presented here.

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And not money lent,

Represents our joint ages,
With a few more or less,
But what sum may be
We are sure you can't guess.

Yet we hope it will aid
To your party's result :
So pray, like Lord Pooh-Bah,
Accept this insult.

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You ask me for cents,
So I send you a store
Of one for each year,
And just a few more.

May the Hospital prosper,
We all gladly say
While wishing sincerely
Happy returns of this day.

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If I were as old as Methusalem
To your birth-day party I'd surely come;
But being one hundred and one,
My family say I must stay to home.

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"Ninety-one years old," was the suggestive accompaniment to one envelope.

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"Charles Alexander, 82 years," was another; and he is so fresh and strong there seems no reason why he should not add another score to it.

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"Going on one hundred," was another

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At the close of the musical programme it was moved by Dr. H. M. Patton, and

seconded by Mr. E. G. O'Connor, that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered Mr. and Mrs. Bell for their kind hospitality, the ladies and gentlemen who had so kindly contributed the musical programme, and the ladies of the committee for their efforts to make the evening pleasant to all. This was received with much applause and unanimously carried.

Amongst the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Nelson, Mrs. Macdougall, Mrs. Fuhrer, Dr. and Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Sumner, the Misses Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hagar, Miss Hagar, Mrs. M. G. Ure, Miss Roy, Mr. Tooke, Mr. Thomson, Mr. Alf. Thomson, Mrs. Gwilt, Dr. Ault, Miss Barr, Mr. Esplin, Miss Cornish, Mr. Patterson, Mrs. Gaunt, Dr. Fisher, Miss Fisher, Dr. Morgan, Mrs. and Miss Ames, Mrs. J. A. Sheffield, Miss Sheffield, Mr. McConnell, Mrs. W. S. Taylor, Mr. E. Hilton, Mrs. Baker, Mr. E. G. O'Connor, Miss O'Connor, Miss Archibald, Dr. H. M. Patton, Miss Marie Robertson, Dr. E. A. Gratton, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gratton, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mathewson, Jr., the Misses Mathewson, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Baylis, Miss Baylis, Mrs. Henry Thomas, Miss Thornton, Miss McCulloch, Miss Walker, Mr. and Mrs. C. DeForest Smith, Mrs. and Miss Moss, Mr. C. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Coates, Mr. and Mrs. R. Holland, Miss Whitham, Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy, etc., etc.

Amongst those who sent regrets with their contribution envelopes were: Canon Ellegood, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Fisher, Mrs. E. L. Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Baylis, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Foster, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Von Rappard, Mrs. Alex. McDougall, Misses McDougall, Lady Van Horne, Miss Van Horne, Miss A. Van Horne, Mrs. M. Reid, Mrs. Hector MacKenzie, Mrs. N. MacFarlane, Mrs. J. Linton, Mr. and Mrs. Neilage, Mrs. David Bell, Dr. Arthur and Mrs. Patton, Mrs. Gnaelinger, Miss Farrer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Gordon, Mrs. D. W. Ross, Mr. C. W. Alexander, Mrs. Henry Reinhardt, Mr. Albert Hebert, Mrs. C. W. Jacques, Miss Moolie, Mr. Hodggon, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gould, Mrs. Alex.

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Miss Marie Robertson, 2 fans and empty vials.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Matthews, 5 flannellette nightshirts, 6 cotton nightshirts.

DONATIONS FOR APRIL.

Mrs. W. E. Phillips, a dinner set and breakfast set for nurses' table.
 Mrs. Jas. Hutton, 3 doz. hot cross buns.
 Mrs. Hector Mackenzie, flowers for Easter.
 Mrs. E. Von Rappard, lettuce, radishes rhubarb, oranges, apples and bananas.
 Miss Moodie, 2 doz. apples.
 Mrs. Griffith, 8 jars fruit, ice-cream for nurses.
 Mrs. Duval, 3 cakes for nurses.
 Mrs. George Sumner, old cotton.
 Mrs. Hanna, empty vials.
 Mrs. Sutherland Taylor, empty vials.

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