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### HOMŒOPATHY IN HOLLAND.

That there is still no chair of homeo-  
pathy at any of our universities is, says  
*De Standard* owing to the fear of competi-  
tion. A change can only be expected in  
this state of things when a Minister (in  
charge of Public Instruction) shall appear  
who will have the courage to allow himself  
to be enlightened in respect to the posi-  
tion of homeopathy in other countries,  
either by personal examination of the  
question, or by enlisting the services of  
our consuls and diplomatic agents.

At present, the Government takes a  
party view in a purely scientific question,  
from which arises the following disadvan-  
tage:—One who applies himself, in this  
country, to homeopathy is comforted with  
the thought that he will have a double  
amount of work in his studies. He must  
first qualify in the usual manner as an al-  
lopathic physician, and, by an examination,  
acquire the academic right to practice his  
profession. Then he must go to Buda-  
Pesth or America for the special purpose of  
completing his homeopathic studies, and  
for that must obtain quite a new library.  
If he returns here afterwards, then he

misses all the official support accorded to  
allopathy. He finds no good dispensing  
chemist. He finds no hospital. He has  
trouble in the matter of consultation with  
other doctors. He is generally looked at  
askance by his confreres.

According to *De Standard*, it has been  
experimentally proven that medicinal  
power of the highest order lies hidden in  
homeopathy, although the journal also  
gives its meed of praise to allopathy looked  
at from its own standpoint. All it would  
protest against is partiality on the part of  
the Government. "It is only a just and  
equitable demand that the Government  
begin with, at least, one university, and  
place in it a homeopathic faculty, along-  
side of the allopathic faculty. And this  
could be the more readily be done since the  
homeopathic school introduces no pecu-  
liar medical science, but only its own  
therapeutics or method of treatment."

As an example, *De Standard* instances  
America, which possesses not less than ten  
homeopathic faculties, with homeopathic  
hospitals, having not less than 1,560 stu-  
dents, while from these colleges 7,868 doc-  
tors have already taken their degree.

And finally, *De Standard* gives promi-  
nence to the fact that to give homeo-  
pathy, such recognition as is claimed is  
also in the interest of the lower classes,  
inasmuch as the homeopathic method of  
cure does not demand one-fourth the cost  
of the allopathic.—*Leidich Drogblad.*

(Translated by Ettie W. Patton.)

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pathic Record, to encourage our generous  
advertisers.

## DISCOVERY OF CHLOROFORM.

"The merit of discovering chloroform belonged to Sir James Simpson, the late distinguished Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh. It is related how Simpson, experimenting as was his wont on November 4th 1847, with unknown agents in the search after a reliable pain-abolisher, took down a bottle containing a heavy, clear sweet smelling liquid, which had been long known as a chemical curiosity, and which had, if I mistake not, been first made by the distinguished chemist Scheele. There were present in Simpson's house with him the late Dr. Mathews Duncan and Dr. G. Keith. They all three sniffed at the vapor exhaled from the bottle, and then all three successively fell under the table. Professor Simpson was the first to recover, and saw Dr. Keith's legs making violent demonstrations, while Dr. Duncan was snoring heavily. The new vapor was chloroform, and Simpson's paper was read on November 10th 1847, before the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh, its title bearing that it was a description of a new anesthetic which could be used as a substitute for ether."

"Some ultra-orthodox Scotsmen, who, as is their little way, delight to "nail w' Scriptur'" their arguments and contentions, told Professor Simpson that his discovery was in its essence contrary to the declaration of Holy Writ. In pain and in sorrow woman has to bring forth children. This was Heaven's decree, and if Simpson proposed to use chloroform to lighten the pains of labor, he would be invalidating the spirit of Genesis. But Simpson was equal to the subtleties of the "unco' guid." He adopted the most excellent rule of plying them back with another text. God, he said, caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep when the first surgical operation mentioned in the Bible was performed—that of removing a rib for the creation of Eve. This silenced the Biblical cavillers, and for the rest Simpson fought a hard battle with the scientific critics and won.

The relative merits of ether and chloroform have, of course been much discussed. Some surgeons use a mixture of the two, others a mixture of chloroform, ether, and alcohol. There is a controversy still pursuing its course as to whether chloroform is dangerous to the heart or to the lungs. All I know is, that in the old Edinburgh days, when giving chloroform, our instructions were

summed up in the words "watch the breathing." In the South doctors are taught to watch the pulse. I think the balance of opinion is swinging to the old Edinburgh view of things. But considering the thousands and thousands of cases in which chloroform is annually administered to patients with every condition of heart and lungs represented, and having regard to the relatively few fatalities which occur under skilful hands, we may all, in this jubilee of anesthetics, drink a bumper to the pious memories of the men who toiled to give to their race the great and priceless boon of freedom from pain."—*Science Gleanings*, by Dr. Andrew Wilson, —*The Illustrated London News*, Nov, 1896.

## HINTS.

"Babies need water, water, water, and plenty of it."—Dr. C. E. Fisher.

"There is great danger in feeding children too often. More children die from over-feeding than from lack of food."—Dr. C. E. Fisher.

A teaspoonful of cream preceding its regular meal is said to be a good remedy for constipation in infants. A little olive oil is also a fine remedy for constipation and one more easily obtained than cream.

"There is one point to which I desire to call particular attention, and I have seen it mentioned but once, i.e., the baby should always be fed when in the semi-erect position, never when lying down."—Dr. W. S. Mills.

"In cases of diphtheria where there no longer seems to be any hope I have found *Zincum* to act as by enchantment."—Dr. Woodward.

Placing the hand over the spot where pain is felt and letting it get warm there will often give relief.

Difficult urination in old men, necessitating at times the use of a catheter, is often relieved by five-drop doses of the tincture *Sabal serrulata* twice a day.

A few drops of *Mullin oil* in the ear, or a pledget of cotton saturated with that remedy stuffed in the ear on going to bed, will often relieve deafness not resulting from incurable defects in the ear. It is also a grand remedy for ear-ache in children.—*Ex.*

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## LECTURE COURSE.

A course of popular talks on homeopathy in its relation to the dominant school pertaining to the following subjects, will be given at the hospital weekly, beginning on Tuesday, Feb. 16th at 8.30 p.m. These lectures will be short and informal, and with a view to bringing the public in closer touch with the tenets of modern medicine will consist of a resume of the entire field in plain every-day language. The following programme has been prepared subject to change. Lectures will be given every Tuesday evening during the course.

Homeopathy in its relation to Medicine—Tuesday, February 16th, Dr. William McTearrie.

Homeopathy in its relation to Pathology—Tuesday, February 23rd, Dr. E. A. Grafton.

Homeopathy in its relation to Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat—Tuesday, March 2nd, Dr. E. M. Morgan.

Homeopathy in its relation to Obstetrics and diseases of Women and Children—Tuesday, March 9th, Dr. A. K. Grunth.

Homeopathy in its relation to Surgery—Tuesday, March 16th, Dr. H. M. Patton.

Homeopathy in its relation to the development of Girls and Women—Tuesday March 23rd, Dr. Laura Muller.

## ANTITOXIN.

Editor Montreal Homeopathic Record :

Dear Sir,—For some months past I have closely watched the antitoxin treatment of diphtheria. From this personal observation and from conclusions drawn from reports in current medical journals, I believe that Roux Antitoxin serum will share the fate of Koch's tuberculin, and teach the "regular" school that its former barbarous methods prevented rather than caused, favorable results. The reduction in the "Regular" death rate proves simply, better nursing, better diet, better air and surroundings and not tormenting the patient except by the antitoxin injection. Would that we had four \$1,000 pavilions (scarlet fever, diphtheria, small-pox, varicella, and measles) to prove to the "Regulars" that our "little case" would reduce the death rate by one half.

H. M. PATTON, C.M., M.D.

"In spite of the use of antitoxin and the great benefits resulting from it, the mortality of diphtheria has greatly increased in Montreal during the past year." *Provincial Bacteriologist in second annual report of Board of Health of the Province of Quebec 1896.*

## HOSPITAL NOTES.

The lady visitors for the month are Mrs. Warriner, Mrs. W. G. Nichol and Mrs. George Sumner.

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The Lady Superintendent has been enjoying a ten days' holiday, and returned much benefitted by the rest and change.

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To increase the number of readers of this paper, will not each one now subscribing secure four new names at 25 cents each, which will entitle the one getting the new names to his own paper free.

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In giving the list of Christmas donations one very important item was overlooked, viz., several very pretty and useful presents which were placed upon the Christmas tree for the nursing staff, by Mrs. W. E. Phillips. The gifts were highly appreciated, although mention of them in our list was unintentionally omitted.

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A short time since the nurses began to consider among themselves the desirability of an out-door uniform, and decided to ask the consent of the committee to their adoption of one, which consent was cheerfully given. Mrs. W. E. Phillips, hearing of the suggestion, immediately offered to give the first cloaks. Her offer was very gladly accepted, and our nurses desire to thank her very heartily for her timely thoughtfulness. They find the out-door uniform both comfortable and convenient.

## MISCELLANY.

An effective heart stimulant is a hot water bag over the cardiac region; it is especially valuable in threatened heart failure.

San Francisco has a physician ninety-four years of age, who has been in active practice sixty-four years.

Como, the native town of Alessandro Volta, is going to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the invention of the voltaic cell by an electrical congress and an electrical exhibition.

It has been noted by the oculists that blue eyed people are seldom color blind, the percentage of those afflicted being greatest among persons with hazel and black eyes.

Rigors are seldom present in infants and children, no matter how grave the affection may be.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, MONTREAL HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

Treasurer's Report, for January, 1897.

Dr.	
Cash on hand January 1st .....	\$429.29
" from Subscriptions .....	14.26
" from patients .....	85.00
" from Dispensary .....	5.07
" from children's bazaar .....	5.00
" from Nov. m.e.r. o.c.e.t. ....	2.00
" from Lank in.e.r.s.t. ....	.30
" from supplies to nurses .....	4.05
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$654.97</b>
Cr.	
To wages paid .....	\$107.75
" for supplies .....	107.64
" medical and surgical supplies..	13.87
" laundry .....	86.31
" furnishings .....	120.63
" gas account .....	23.8
" rental of 16 Aue.t Nights .....	16.00
" repairs .....	21.17
" rental Bell Telephone .....	50.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$550.85</b>
Cash on hand .....	\$104.12
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$654.97</b>

MARY VAN HORNE,  
Treasurer W.A.M.H.H.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS TO HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL FOR JANUARY, 1896.

Bell Telephone Co., use of telephone	\$50.00
Mrs. Granger, for rent 16 Aue.t	16.00
lights .....	16.00
S. Greenfields Sons & Co. ....	1.00
A. Methodist .....	10.00
Mrs. Hagar .....	10.00
H. Hammond, Esq. ....	5.49
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Mrs. Baylis .....	2.00
Miss Lynch .....	2.00
Mrs. Sumner .....	2.00
Mr. J. A. Harte .....	1.00
Mr. F. Sumner .....	1.00
Mrs. Grace Smith, for children's	1.00
ward .....	1.00
Donation Box .....	86
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$121.26</b>
Additional from Childrens bazaar ..	\$5.00

## SPECIAL DONATIONS.

(Surgical Appliance Fund.)

Donation Mrs. W. E. Phillips .....	\$30.00
Donation, H. M. Patton, M.D. ....	6.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
Instruments, etc., purchased from	
Lenz, Philadelphia .....	\$36.00

## DONATIONS FOR JANUARY, 1897.

Oysters, Miss McCulloch; raisins and almonds for nurses, Dr. Laura Muller; four cakes, Mr. Aird; bed-side table, Renaud, King & Patterson; cake and biscuits for

nurses, Mrs. James Baylis; fruit for nurses, Mrs. S. M. Baylis; \$1 for children's ward, Mrs. Horace Smith; three handsome calendars, Mr. A. T. Chapman; magazines for convalescents, Mr. W. B. Baikie, Mrs. Warriner, Mrs. Hector MacKenzie, Unknown, Mrs. Sutherland Taylor; Electric head band, Friend Unknown; 450 post-cards for Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. A. O. Granger; empty vials, Miss Stanley, Mr. O'Connor; oysters and two partridges, Mrs. H. M. Patton; old linen, Unknown; 12 gross woven letters for hospital linen, 1 bell, 1 basket, Mrs. W. E. Phillips.

## HOSPITAL REPORT.

No. of patients admitted during month	15
of January, 1897 .....	15
No. of patients discharged .....	18
Patients remaining in hospital, Feb- 1st, 1897 .....	11

## INVALID COOKERY.

**Light Bread Pudding**—One pint of stale bread crumbs, 1 pint boiling milk, 1 table-spoonful of sugar, a little nutmeg. Mix these and add water, yolks of 3 eggs, then three whites whisked stiff, and steam in little buttered molds one-half hour, or in larger mold  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Turn out and serve with sauce made of teaspoonful of flour, half pint water, 1 table-spoonful sugar. Flavor to suit. Boil two minutes and strain round the pudding. Sift a little sugar over all.

**Baked Fish**—Any white-fleshed fish can be used. Wash and cut in slices the long way (filleted). Roll up each fillet and place on a baking sheet; season each with pepper and salt and three drops lemon juice. Cover with greased paper and bake 10 or 15 minutes. Serve with sauce, of  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint cream to one table-spoon flour; season and boil two minutes. Serve very hot.

**Savory Custard**—Yolks two eggs, white of 1, one-half gill of cream or beef-tea; pepper and salt. Butter a little mould and pour the above ingredients in after heating well. Cover with a greased paper and steam 15 minutes. Turn out and serve hot or cold as desired.

Dr. J. L., St. Denis Street, Montreal, tells us that he can express no higher opinion for Wyeth's Extract of Malt than to say that he has at present (February, 1896) some sixty patients using it.

It is especially adapted for weak and delicate children, to patients suffering from nervous exhaustion, chilliness &c., and particularly to those unable to digest starchy food.