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ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Thursday, November 26th, in the Hospital Board Room.

The chair was occupied by Mr. John T. Hagar, the president, and there were also present: Mesdames G. D. Phillips, C. T. Williams, S. C. Matthews, R. L. Gaunt, A. R. Griffith, Misses Moodie and Robertson, Messrs. Roswell Fisher, J. M. Aird, S. M. Baylis, George Durnford, T. J. Dawson, and E. G. O'Connor, and Doctors H. M. Patton, A. D. Patton, E. M. Morgan, Laura Muller and A. R. Griffith.

The report of the committee of management called attention to the fact that more patients and more doctors had availed themselves of the hospital's services than ever before. The financial aspect of the year was also referred to with satisfaction. In addition to keeping the expenditure within the revenue, some \$1,600 had been spent upon needed alterations, improvements and repairs.

The report of the treasurer showed that the revenue for the maintenance of the hospital was \$10,812.41, with an expenditure of \$10,141.70, making a surplus of \$670.71. The general statement showed an excess of assets over liabilities of \$19,530.

The report of the medical superintendent indicated that during the year 77 doctors had used the hospital and maternity wards for the treatment of 401 patients, an increase of 93 over the number for last year.

The deaths for the year were 17, a percentage of 4.24. Of typhoid there were treated 30 cases, with one death. There were 21 cases of appendicitis, with 15 successful operations. Some of these were critical cases, where only an operation could save life. There were no deaths from this disease.

The lady superintendent, Miss Lorenz, had been granted a two months' leave of absence last summer for rest, after arduous work. She had spent the time in Europe, and returned in greatly improved health.

According to the report of the lady superintendent, there were 28 patients accommodated in the maternity wards, and 64 in all since this department was opened in 1901. Six nurses have completed their three years' term; nine have entered on probation; six of whom have been capped. Sixty-two private patients received special nursing, thirty-six in their own homes, and twenty-six in the hospital. The revenue from special nursing was \$920.25. Since its organization, the Phillips Training School has graduated 25

nurses, 15 of whom are engaged in more or less active practice in Montreal.

The Woman's Auxiliary reported a successful year; \$200 was given to the hospital painting fund, over \$500 worth of new linen was added to the stores, and the usual ubiquitous requisitions for household articles were all duly filled.

The Auxiliary had elected officers as follows:—

Hon. president, Mrs. G. D. Phillips; president, Mrs. J. T. Hagar; first vice-president, Mrs. E. Von Rappard; second vice-president, Mrs. R. L. Gaunt; third vice-president, Mrs. E. Thomas; recording secretary and corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. M. Morgan, treasurer, Mrs. Sutherland Taylor.

Mr. J. T. Hagar, the retiring president, was again nominated, but persisted in declining to serve because of lack of available time to devote to the duties of the office. His declination was accepted with much regret, and a hearty vote of thanks for past services was unanimously voted him.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:—

President—Roswell C. Fisher.

First vice-president—E. G. O'Connor.

Second vice-president—S. M. Baylis.

Secretary—T. J. Dawson.

Treasurer—E. M. Morgan, M.D.

Committee of management—Mrs. G. D. Phillips, Mrs. J. T. Hagar, Mrs. C. T. Williams, Miss A. Moodie, Messrs. J. W. Hughes, George Durnford, A. R. Griffith, Edward Packard, H. M. Patton, M.D., A. D. Patton, M.D.

Medical superintendent—A. R. Griffith, M.D.

Medical board, attending physicians—Senior, A. R. Griffith; junior, A. D. Patton. Attending surgeons, senior, H. M. Patton; junior, E. M. Morgan. Outdoor staff, O. W. Bradley and Laura Muller.

Mrs. John T. Hagar and Messrs. E. G. O'Connor, T. J. Dawson and R. L. Gaunt, were elected life governors.

Mr. A. H. Plimsoll was elected honorary auditor, and Mr. Leslie Boyd honorary solicitor.

Votes of thanks in appreciation of services rendered were passed to the officers and house staff, and donors to the hospital, and the meeting adjourned.

SURGERY IN AMERICA.

In the domain of general surgery American surgeons have figured throughout the past century. The most successful and recent methods intestinal anastomosis are due to our surgeons of to-day. We have done more to determine the operative treatment of appendicitis than all the world besides. The names of Willard Parker and of McBurney will forever be associated with the history of appendectomy. Skin grafting is decidedly an original American practice, first proposed by Hamilton, of Buffalo. The elder Warren, of Harvard, was the first to do plastic operation for cleft palate. Pancoast, of Philadelphia, was the first to do a successful operation for extrophy of the bladder. In 1849, Detmold, of New York, first opened and drained an abscess of the brain. In 1859 the method of treating obstinate neuralgia by resecting the superior maxillary nerve beyond Meckel's ganglion was worked out by an American surgeon. The further operation for removal of the Casserian ganglion is due to Hartley, of New York. And statistics show that American surgeons did about one-third of all reported operations for brain tumors; and the mere fact that operations are reported means that they met with a good degree of success.

Among operations upon bones and articulations is that of trephining for osteomyelitis, which is due to Nathan Smith. Four important excisions were introduced by American surgeons, of the lower jaw, of the upper jaw, of the clavicle, and the interscapular thoracic amputation. Bigelow, of Boston, taught the profession how to reduce a dislocated hip by manipulation. Before him Dr. Reid, of Rochester, had gone over the whole subject of manipulation of fractures, and had shown how this method would be applied to reduce dislocations. Dr. Dugas, of Georgia, about 1858, first called attention to the test for dislocation of the shoulder by placing the hand upon the opposite shoulder and trying to bring the arm down to the body.

Americans first used animal ligatures, which in the beginning were made of buckskin. Americans contributed three most difficult ligations of arteries; those of the common carotid, the common iliac and the innominate. Aneurism was first successfully treated by compression in this country. It has been recently claimed that the first nephrectomy and the first cholecystotomy were performed in this country, by Wolcott, of Waukegan, and Bobbs, of Indianapolis, respectively.

To be sure the greatest American contribution to surgery is anaesthesia. This opened the way for modern surgery, and led to operations which were

simply impossible before that time. William T. G. Morton declared to the world the triumph of ether anaesthesia in the year 1846.—Adapted from *The Medicus*.

POINTERS.

When patient is hysterical and complains of lump in throat give Ignatia.

For placing the hands under the head we may think of Arsenicum, Bell, Platina, Gels.

When patient throws or bends head backwards we think of Belladonna; also of Hepar and Hyos.

Platina is indicated when she lies with hands over head and has extreme tenderness of genital organs.

Cina is well indicated when child throws its head backwards from intestinal irritation, on account of worms.

Spongia patient throws the head backwards whilst sleeping and whilst sitting up; also found in diseases of the heart.

Staphisagria patient bends head forward, the tongue dropping out of the mouth, with swelling and soreness at the root of tongue.

In disease women frequently have the habit of placing their hands over the head in sleep; for this condition several remedies are indicated, the most prominent of which is Pulsatilla. When this same condition occurs in men Nux vomica is the most prominent.—American Physician.

The *Indian Lancet* says that it has remained for an Italian woman to break all maternity records. She has, in the course of nineteen years of wedlock, become the mother of sixty-two children. This extraordinary statement is vouched for by many credible witnesses, who testify to its truth in a petition now before the Italian Government, asking for the woman a yearly pension of \$360. Of these children fifty-nine are boys and three girls. Eleven times in succession, in nine years, the prolific female gave birth to triplets, three times four boys arrived at one birth, and once five boys and a girl. The other twelve were born singly, but very close together. The woman is a native of Nocera, a little village near Naples, and at fifty-seven is, of course, almost incapable of gaining her livelihood.

The Royal College of Physicians of London and Royal College of Surgeons have placed on their limited list of accredited colleges the Northwestern University Medical School (Chicago Medical College).

A HOME-MADE COUGH SYRUP.

Put an egg into a teacupful of strong vinegar. Let it remain twenty-four hours, when the vinegar will have dissolved entirely the hard shell of the egg, the soft shell remaining on the egg which is to be opened and the contents of the egg emptied out into the vinegar. Beat it thoroughly, adding a teacupful of hot water while beating it. This is to be gently steeped for an hour, adding brown sugar gradually. A half teacupful of brown sugar should be added. It should be stirred moderately while it is steeping. After cooling it should be put into well-stoppered bottles. It should be used in teaspoonful doses every few hours. This makes an excellent cough remedy for a chronic cough that has resisted the usual treatment. As it contains phosphate of lime in abundance, it makes an excellent remedy to build up the system. It is especially applicable to thin, pale people afflicted with a hacking cough with whitish frothy expectoration.—Medical Talk.

DIET IN TYPHOID FEVER.

Of equal importance to medication is diet; such diet as will sustain the life of the patient and give the bowels as little work as possible. Milk is the best of anything I have used. Give it with broths without grease, and fruit juices. But our patient soon tires of these. He will tolerate milk for a week or ten days, and then the mention of it nauseates. Broths wear out still sooner. When all have given out I have found that ice cream will be gratefully received by the patient longer than any other nourishment, and I have never seen any bad results; but on the contrary it does good, is well borne, and I have thought at times modified the disease. It should be home-made, that plenty of rich cream and raw eggs be incorporated. Feed in small quantities and often, varying the flavor to suit the patient's taste.—Dr. W. H. Baldwin, of Quincy, Mich., in *Alk. Clinic*.

Dr. Elliott reports a case of morning sickness of pregnancy in which five drops of the tincture of iodine in a spoonful of sweetened water was given. The effect was magical. The vomiting ceased at once.

The Russian law forbids marriage after the eightieth year, and in that country one may not wed more than five times.

HINTS.

Hypericum perfor. for mechanical injuries, wounds by nails, or splinters in the feet, needles under the nails, squeezing, hammering of the toes and fingers, especially the tips of the fingers; when the nerves have been lacerated, wounded, torn, with excruciating pains. It prevents lockjaw from wounds in the soles of the feet, or of fingers, and palms of the hands.—*Am. Phys.*

Clerks who suffer from sore feet from walking much or standing on their feet will find relief in a few doses of *Ruta*.

If you have any ills from vaccination try *Thuja* for them.

Malandrinum taken before the operation of vaccination prevents very sore arms.

Ignatia, according to Dr. Spencer, is one of our best remedies for skin diseases.

Where there is abnormal activity of the heart in connection with insomnia *Kali carb.* is the remedy.

Melilotus is a grand headache remedy, for the congestive species, or the sort that the oculist cannot relieve.

Alumen is specially adapted to cases where the mucous membrane is very dry. It is also a good remedy for the constipation of infants: stools white or greyish.

Eyelids swollen, inflamed and granulated finds a remedy in *Apium virus*.

Argentum nitricum has proved to be of benefit in cases of nervous dyspepsia.

A marked and peculiar symptom of *Arnica* is "a burning in the brain," though the rest of the body may be cool.—*Hom. Envoy*.

Knitting is declared by specialists in the treatment of rheumatism to be a most helpful exercise for hands liable to become stiff from the complaint and it is being prescribed by physicians because of its efficacy in limbering up the hands of such sufferers. For persons liable to cramp, paralysis, or any other affection of the fingers of that character, knitting is regarded as a most beneficial exercise. Besides the simple work is said to be an excellent diversion for the nerves, and is recommended to women suffering from insomnia and depression. In certain sanitariums patients are encouraged to make use of the bright steels, and the work is so pleasant that it is much enjoyed by them.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY—STATEMENT FOR YEAR 1903.

Receipts—	
Oct. 1902, balance on hand.....	\$ 494.40
Annual fees.....	48.00
Donations and subscriptions..	98.47
Contribution towards rent, No. 46 (Miss Moodle).....	250.00
Proceeds of bazaar, Nov., 1902.	903.93
Collected for expenses of bazaar	158.00
Receipts at pound party, April, 1903	36.76
Bank interest for year.....	16.83
	\$2,006.39
Expenditure—	
Purchases for hospital supplies	\$ 382.17
Expenses for bazaar.....	73.50
House linen from England....	502.40
Donation to hospital painting fund	200.00
Rent of 46 McGill College Ave., 5 quarters.....	400.00
Presented to Lady Superintendent	50.00
Stationery, etc.....	7.00
Balance in bank to date, Oct. 31, 1903.....	391.32
	\$2,006.39

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HOSPITAL WANTS.

- A new elevator.
- A new nurses' home.
- Rugs for private wards.
- Hardwood floors in private wards.
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The annual meeting was held on Monday, December 7th, in the Hospital Board Room. Among those present were F. E. Grafton, president, in the chair, Miss A. Moodle, Messrs. Baylis, Packard, O'Connor, Dawson, Drs. A. D. Patton, Morgan, Griffith and H. M. Patton, secretary.

The minutes of previous meeting, also of directors' meetings, were read and confirmed, after which the election of officers was held, resulting in the return of the same officials.

The reports from the various departments of the hospital were presented, confirmed, and ordered to be printed in the annual report. The secretary drew attention to the necessity for more active interest in the work of the Association and increase in its membership.

A letter from the secretary of the Governors was read, enclosing a resolution passed at the Hospital's annual meeting, asking the Association to procure incorporation for the Hospital. After much discussion the matter was referred to a committee of five for thorough investigation with legal advice, to be reported on at an early called special meeting.

A resolution was passed authorizing the Association to take over on behalf of the hospital the estate of the late Mrs. Callow, and Mr. E. G. O'Connor and Dr. H. M. Patton were empowered to sign any and all necessary documents pertaining to the transaction, with instructions to report at the special meeting.

Ten elective governors were appointed to represent the Association on the Hospital Board of Governors after which adjournment was moved, subject to call for special meeting.

Maintenance account for year ending Oct. 31, 1903:

Revenue—	
Fees from patients.....	\$ 9,266.69
Fees for special nursing.....	920.25
Subscriptions and donations..	549.67
Dispensary receipts.....	34.80
Governors' fees.....	50.00
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	\$10,812.41
Expenditure—	
Groceries and provisions—	
Meat and fish.....	\$1,367.76
Groceries	852.21
Milk	481.91
Bread	273.87
Butter and eggs.....	785.09
Vegetables	151.00
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	3,911.84
Medical and surgical supplies	
	1,662.74
Salaries and wages—	
Supt. and nurses ...	1,538.15
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	2,740.00
Light and fuel—	
Gas and electric.....	480.91
Wood and coal (about \$260 on hand).....	357.17
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	1,338.08
General expenses—	
Sundries	140.49
Water tax.....	64.02
Clerical work.....	75.00
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	279.51
Furnishings	95.53
Insurance	84.00
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	\$10,141.70
Surplus	<hr/>
	8670.71

FINANCIAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FOR OCTOBER, 1903.

Receipts—	
Mrs. Barnes (annual fee).....	\$2.00
Mrs. R. L. Gaunt (annual fee, two years)	4.00
Miss M. Robertson (hair for new private ward)	5.17
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No disbursements.	

Dr. Bourzutschky, of Berlin, a professed adherent of low potencies, writes in the Berliner Zeitschrift that it is his experience that Mercurius cyanatus acts best in throat affections and in diphtheria in the 30th centesimal potency.

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HOSPITAL NOTES.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our readers and friends of the hospital.

BEGIN the New Year well, among your resolutions remember the hospital and RECORD.

WE HAVE a new collector, Mrs. Dixon; give her your practical encouragement.

THE NEW Rochester steam sterilizer, donated by Dr. Spencer, of Sherbrooke, is a handsome and valuable acquisition to our surgical service. Ask to see it.

THE ANNUAL report soon to be issued, of the past year's work will be the best we have ever had, in so far as work is concerned. See that you get a copy.

A GOOD way to identify yourself with the work of the hospital is by becoming a life governor. Send along \$100, and make yourself a New Year's gift worth having.

THERE will be no Christmas tree at the hospital this year on account of press of work. The usual Christmas dinner will be given and we trust you will remember the patients who are well enough to enjoy it, also the nurses and domestic help. A few flowers for wards and rooms would add greatly to the cheer.

THE MONTHLY meeting of the committee of management was held Nov. 23rd. This being the last meeting of the hospital year there was a good attendance and many details of business were finished up. The question of fire escapes was broached and the attention of the incoming committee directed thereto. The laundry work was found to be unsatisfactory as, owing to the increase in number of patients, nursing and domestic help, the capacity was inadequate. It was decided to have some of the heavier work done outside until arrangements could be made for enlarging the present plant. After passing the usual requisition lists, votes of thanks to officers, etc., the meeting adjourned. The first meeting of the new committee will be held on Monday, December 28th.

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Governors, held Nov. 26th, was one of the best we have had. Owing to the increase in all departments the reports were more elaborate than heretofore, containing much more information. We trust that our friends will put forth greater efforts this com-

ing year to enable us to improve on the showing made. It will take extra energy to do this as the capacity of our institution was taxed almost to its limit during the past year. With our present prospects the necessity for further enlargement will soon be imperative.

WE WOULD like to call your attention to a "Hospital Want" that does not appear in the usual list. In the preparation of trays for the private patients appearance counts for a great deal. Such things as dainty little cream jugs, sugar bowls, tray cloths, etc., go far in this direction and are always acceptable and appreciated. Uniformity of pattern is not requisite as each tray is arranged separately, so none may hesitate to help in this direction: send in a couple of pieces of china the next time you go shopping.

DONATIONS IN NOVEMBER.

The Lady Superintendent acknowledges, with thanks, the following:

- P. McKenna & Son—Cut flowers.
 Miss M. Robertson—1 basket apples, 3 dozen apple jelly, 3 quarts jam, 12 tray covers.
 Miss A. Moodie—4 barrels apples.
 Dr. H. Spencer—1 steam sterilizer.
 Mrs. R. G. Reid—4 bed jackets, 3 night dresses.
 Woman's Auxiliary—70 yards curtain muslin, 6 blankets, 2 milk dippers, 1 waste paper basket, 1 potato ricer, 3 strainers.
 Mr. J. Gurd—1 alarm clock.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CASH DONATIONS IN NOVEMBER.

The hospital treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following:

S. Carsley Co., Ltd.....	\$20.00
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	\$28.67

Dr. Alfred Mayer (N. Y. State Med. Soc.) said that for poor patients, unable to get away from the city, the fire escapes of tenement houses proved an excellent place to recommend to consumptives. Practitioners among the poor must not forget this means of keeping patients constantly in the open air, which is, after all, the main feature of the modern treatment of tuberculosis.

PHILLIPS' TRAINING SCHOOL NOTES.

Miss Routhier, '03, has left the hospital, and is now at her home, Alexandria, on a visit, prior to taking up private work.

Nurse Blackmore, who was at home on sick leave, has returned to duty.

Nurse Fleet, who returned to duty last month, is again on the sick list, being confined to bed seriously ill.

Nurse Therrien has resigned from the Training School.

Nurse MacDonald, who successfully passed her probation term, has been capped.

Two new probationers are expected this month, one of them, Miss Costen, having had to give up her training two years ago owing to scarlet fever.

Miss Willoughby, '99, Misses Trench, Spence, and Warner, '02, have been on special duty in the hospital during the past month.

Rumor saith that nurses are prone to wed like ordinary mortals, and also that one of our graduates is making preparations for the sacrifice. Nor does rumor stop there.

Nurse Brown, who has been ailing for some time, has been ordered home for recuperation. She will probably have to spend two months at her home, in Sherbrooke.

We trust that the new Nurses' Home is near of realization, and that more commodious quarters will conduce to better health among our nurses. A feature of the new home should be an Alumni Room for our graduates.

NEW BOOKS.

We have received from the Rowe Publishing Co. of Chicago, an admirable little work entitled, "A Non-Surgical Treatise on Diseases of the Prostate Gland and Adnexa," by Dr. Overall, of Memphis, Tenn.

The subject matter is treated in a clear, concise manner, giving evidence of much labor, research and experiment. The subject is one which hitherto has received scant attention from medical men, and one which this book shows may have much to do with many of the obscure ills we are called upon to treat. This is one of the books that certainly fills a want, and is well worthy of careful perusal and study by all physicians.

The typographical and general make-up of the book is very good, and creditable to the publishers.

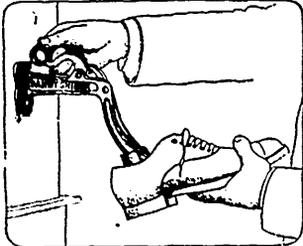
HOSPITAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER.

Number of patients in the hospital,	
November 1.....	23
Admitted—	
Private patients	13
Semi-private patients	8
Public patients	4
Maternity	2
	—
	27
Discharged—	
Private patients	14
Semi-private patients	8
Public patients	4
Maternity	2
	—
	30
Died	0
Operations	11
Number of days' private nursing	
outside	0
Number of days' private nursing	
in hospital	0
Remaining in hospital, Dec. 1.....	20
Viz.:—	
Private patients	9
Semi-private patients	5
Public patients	4
Maternity	2
	—
	20

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CIRCULAR.

The following circular issued by the Association with the call for its annual meeting, should awaken interest in this parent organization of our system of medicine in the Province of Quebec.

"The Montreal Homoeopathic Association, chartered by Parliament in 1865, has control of all matters pertaining to Homoeopathy in the Province of Quebec, with the power to establish Hospital, Dispensary and College. A part of its broad field of work has been attained in the founding of the present Montreal Homoeopathic Hospital, a large portion is yet to be accomplished. The inauguration of dispensaries to demonstrate practically the value of Homoeopathic methods in the curing of disease, could be carried out if funds were obtainable.

So far, the small surplus of the Association's revenues over actual expenses has been applied to its Hospital. A larger surplus would enable the Association to develop its work as above outlined, enabling the poorer classes to enjoy the benefits of the scientific and gentle treatment Homoeopathy affords.

Subscriptions of \$2.00 and over create membership and voting rights in the selection of Elective Governors to the Hospital."

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