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ABOUT OURSELVES.

The experiment of publishing a paper devoted to homœopathic interests in Montreal, proved successful in the case of the trial number of the HOMŒOPATHIC MESSENGER issued at the time of the hazaar last month. At a recent meeting of the Women's Auxiliary Committee it was decided to publish the paper regularly every month, the volume beginning with January, 1896,

The *raison d'être* is not only to fill the usual long felt want of all new papers, but to further the interests of homœopathy, coincident with devotion to the welfare of the Montreal Homœopathic Hospital. It is the intention to publish reports of the various committees of the institution, reports of the work done by the Hospital and Dispensary, together with acknowledgments of all donations received and other items of general interest pertaining to the various homœopathic institutions of Montreal.

So far as can be learned, this is the first instance of a paper being published in connection with an hospital, in this province and as usual homœopathy is found in the front rank of this march of progress. As a matter of fact, the only other hospital paper published in Canada is the one issued by Grace (Homœo-

pathic) Hospital, Toronto. It is the earnest desire that the people be made acquainted with all the working of homœopathy and its institutions.

Fifteen months ago the hospital began its career and so successfully has it fulfilled its mission, that the end of the first year found the accommodations but half adequate for its needs. This has been remedied by the erection of a new wing on the Burnside Place front, providing accommodation for fifty patients, with nurses' rooms and dispensing quarters. The building will be lighted by electricity, heated by hot water, provided with elevators and all modern conveniences. The private rooms are not equalled by those of any hospital in the land, while the new operating room easily ranks first among its kind. With the opening of the new wing, homœopathy can justly claim to have the finest and most complete small hospital in the Province of Quebec and second to none in Canada.

The MESSENGER asks the support of the friends of homœopathy in its endeavors to further the cause, and to promote the interests of the hospital to which, at this critical period of its existence, active aid will be doubly welcome. Just now the plant is young and needs attention, after a while it will be a sturdy tree and its fruits will recompense its sponsors. To the friends not of the faith the MESSENGER brings tidings of another (not a new) way to relieve sickness and suffering and asks that they at least will investigate and judge it on its merits and records.

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RESULTS TELL THE TALE.

WHERE VARIOUS SYSTEMS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF BEING TESTED SIDE BY SIDE.

Many people good naturedly admit that for the treatment of the diseases of children and for mild cases amongst adults, Homœopathy may be a very harmless system to follow. But when something serious takes hold of a strong man the remedy must be one in accordance with the gravity of the case, and no mentally properly equipped man will trust himself to the folly of the little sugar coated infinitesimals of the Homœopathic doctor. Out of the fulness of his experience and knowledge, the latter can afford to smile good naturedly at the expression of such heretical opinions, for he knows they have no foundation in fact, and that all that is needed to demonstrate their fallacy is the opportunity. Such an opportunity is furnished in the administration of Cook County Hospital, which is situated at Chicago. This Hospital is attended by the practitioners of the three schools, Allopathic, Homœopathic and Eclectic, and the patients are assigned to each school in the following proportion. Out of every thirty patients, 19 are assigned to the Allopaths; 6 to the Homœopaths, and 5 to the Eclectics. The nursing is done by the Illinois Training School for nurses, and is the same for all patients. The internes are Allopathic 12, Homœopathic 4 and Eclectic 4. The cases discussed in the following table are taken from the first of January 1895, and are traced back until each school has had, and treated to a conclusion an equal number of cases in each disease considered.

DISEASE AND SCHOOL.	No. of Cases.	Lost.	Saved	Approximate Percentage of Loss.
Tetanus (Lock-jaw)				
Allopathic School	12	10	2	83
Eclectic	12	7	5	57
Homœopathic	12	2	10	17
Lobar Pneumonia.				
Allopathic	20	12	8	60
Eclectic	20	8	12	40
Homœopathic	20	3	17	15
Emergency Surgical.				
Allopathic	20	14	6	70
Eclectic	20	13	7	65
Homœopathic	20	9	11	45
Gynecological.				
Allopathic	26	7	19	24
Eclectic	26	4	22	15
Homœopathic	26	1	25	3
General Surgery.				
Allopathic	20	8	12	40
Eclectic	20	7	13	35
Homœopathic	20	4	16	20

It will be noticed that while the results show the infinite superiority of the Homœopathic practice there has been no disposition to select diseases peculiar to children or those of a mild type affecting adults. Lockjaw and pneumonia must be considered sufficiently serious to test the efficacy of any given school of medicine. The Homœopaths are prepared to submit their system to the most severe comparative tests.

A TEST IN PHARMACAL "ETHICS."

Mr. A. E. Schubert of Fostoria, Ohio, in the course of a paper on pharmacal ethics, relates this account of a practical test of the professional integrity and competency of retail druggists in a given section of his state—a section, by the way probably the equal in professional intelligence and honesty of the average community in Ohio and other states. "I espoused the thought," remarks Mr. Schubert, "that it would be a capital idea to write a prescription of easy composition and analysis, to see how many druggists would fill it correctly. I set to work immediately mailing to each of fifty physicians one of the prescriptions, at the same time asking him to write it as a prescription of his own, send some friend with it to his druggist to have it filled, a copy taken and returned to me with the compounded prescription. Out of the fifty requests sent out, I received thirty-seven answers. The prescription called for a three-ounce preparation, but placing them side by side I found twenty-one to be three-ounce preparations, seven were in size four ounces, while the rest ranged in size from five to eight ounces. It was to be an emulsion; nineteen were of that composition, the remainder were far from being true to that name. In color, when correctly filled, it would be nearly white; of these twenty-two were true in color, while the remainder ranged from a steel gray to nearly all the known hues. The principal active ingredient was the acetate of morphine; thirteen only contained this, the remainder principally contained the sulphate. Out of the entire number returned, eleven were found to be filled correctly. The remainder were base substitutions, either through ignorance or intention. Of the eleven that were correct, nine came from the hands of Ph. G.s, the remaining two were compounded by old and reliable druggists in the city. Of the twenty six not properly filled we found five Ph. G.s, the remainder being country druggists having very little experience in this line and located, with but few exceptions, in towns of 6000 inhabitants and less.

Can it be possible that this sort of recklessness and ignorance characterizes the profession in other intelligent communities?—*Western Druggist*, August, 1895.

[This savors somewhat of obtaining money under false pretences. If the patient pays the doctor for a prescription the doctor should see that he gets what it calls for. This department of the "regular" school needs looking after. Homœopathy employs no middleman.—**ED. HOMŒOPATHIC MESSENGER.**]

AS IT SHOULD BE.

The State of Pennsylvania has made the following grants to the homœopathic hospitals of that State: Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, Philadelphia, \$57,100; Homœopathic Medical and Surgical Hospital and Dispensary of Pittsburg, \$50,000; Homœopathic Medical and Surgical Hospital, Reading, \$10,000; Children's Hospital, Philadelphia, \$8,000; Women's Homœopathic Hospital Association, Philadelphia, \$5,000, making a total of \$130,000. Pennsylvania is dealing justly yet liberally with our institutions in that State, for which the commonwealth deserves credit, and for which our profession is to be warmly congratulated. The Province of Quebec might well take a lesson from Massachusetts and Pennsylvania and distribute her medical support to the representative institutions of the different medical denominations.—*Medical Century*.

THE DUCHESS OF TECK AND THE LONDON HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

The Duchess of Teck, on Tuesday, July 9, opened the new building of the London Homœopathic Hospital in Great Ormond street, Bloomsbury, which contains 100 beds, and has been erected at a cost of \$225,000, of which \$185,000 has been already contributed.—*Exchange*.

CHOLERA INFANTUM.

"The first five years I practiced, I treated these cases as I had learned to from the books and lectures. When my little patients died I wondered why they did not get well, for I knew my treatment was orthodox. When a poor little emaciated one lingered through the summer into autumn, and finally got well, I

knew it was despite of both disease and treatment.

Among my patients was our own little Ruby, a bright sweet darling of fourteen months, stricken July 2nd. I exhausted the remedies laid down in the books and those in my memoranda taken down at college, then called to my assistance the ablest physicians available. They said I had done all they could do, and offered nothing new. One, a diplomat, said, he had obtained the best results, in such cases, from the use of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, advised me to try it, and went away. In my despair I cried out, "is this all?" Is this the end of all hope of assistance, in this hour of my great distress?

July 28th she ceased to be. We laid her away, and might well have written on her little monument, whose spire points heavenward. "Died early, because they knew not what to do."

Then I began to enquire of every doctor I met: What is your treatment for cholera infantum or summer complaint in children? They replied: Opium, morphine, laudanum, paregoric, Doveri, cinnamon, cloves, allspice, nutmeg, kino, blackberry-root tea, white oak bark, raspberry leaf—the whole catalogue of astringents—made into some form of powder, decoction or syrup. The same old, old treatment that has sent, and is still sending, multiplied thousands of lovely innocent children to premature graves, that ought to be saved; and many of them would get well if they never saw a doctor, or rather, if a doctor never saw them. Hard words to say! but I have been over the battle-ground; I have witnessed the last struggles; I have heard the weepings of mothers and friends, who anxiously watched for the last breath."

[Dr. J. M. Duncan, in *Medical Brief*, September 1895.]

[When our Allopathic brethren realize that the frail nervous system of infants cannot stand wholesale drugging, such wails as the above will be fewer and fainter. It would seem as though thinking men, driven to such straits as the above, would finally try homœopathy, instead of giving up entirely. It, at least, would not handicap nature in her efforts to restore health. **[ED. HOMŒOPATHIC MESSENGER.]**

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Montreal Homœopathic Association—
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Montreal College of Homœopathic Phy-
sicians and Surgeons—meets 2nd
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pathic Hospital—meets 2nd Thurs-
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Committee of Management of Montreal
Homœopathic Hospital—meets 2nd
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pathic Hospital—meets 1st Tuesday
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Women's Auxiliary Committee of
Montreal Homœopathic Hospital—
meets 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Executive Committee of the Women's
Auxiliary—meets every Monday
morning at 11 o'clock.

All meetings are held in Board Room of
Hospital.

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it to your friends, it is only twenty-five
cents a year.

BAZAAR ECHOES.

The bazaar held by the Women's
Auxiliary, in the Victoria Armory, Dec.
13th and 14th, for the benefit of the Hos-
pital, proved to be a success in every
way in spite of the counter attractions of
the same time. Much of the success
was due to the energy and enterprise of
the bazaar committee's president, Mrs.
Von Rappard, whose efforts were ably
supported by Mr. Von Rappard and
the members of the committee.

The committee desires to thank the
many friends, for the numerous dona-
tions and services so cheerfully given.
One of the governors, Mr. John T. Hagar
generously paid the rent and expenses
of the hall; the German Dramatic Club,
and several musicians provided the
entertainments of the evenings, which
proved such great attractions. Mrs.
Von Rappard and friends successfully
carried out the tableaux arrangements.
Many friends materially aided by their
services as door-keepers, ushers and in
preparing and decorating the hall, the
booths, floral coach and tandem, a
novelty arranged so artistically by Mr.
E. N. Heney.

Thanks are tendered to Mr. Lindsay
for the use of the piano and to Messrs.
Locker & Jordan for the loan of the
Santa Claus mantel as well as their ser-
vices in placing it in position. The
friends are thanked for the loan of
chairs and tables for the 5 o'clock tea
and for the generous donations of ice
cream, cake, etc.

The articles not disposed of will be
kept for the contemplated sale of fancy
goods, at the opening of the new pavil-
ion, when an old-fashioned house-
warming will be arranged for.

Who will furnish a private ward?

DONATIONS.

The Woman's Auxiliary desires to
thank the many friends who have re-
membered the hospital with seasonable
gifts. A complete list of gifts and donors
would more than fill these columns.
Acknowledgment has been made hither-
to, by personal letter to each donor, and
when possible through the public pres-
but should any have been uninten-
tionally overlooked, it is the earnest
desire to thank them now, and hope that
all will in their generosity continue to
remember the hospital.

A list of donations will be published
regularly in these columns and the

Auxiliary will be glad to correct any errors or supply any omission which may accidentally occur. Donations may be sent to the hospital at any time.

The following donations have been received from Christmas to January 21st, and are acknowledged with thanks;

Plum pudding, mince meat, Mrs. H. Thomas; turkey, Mrs. H. Watson; turkey, Mr. Richot; turkey and beef, Mrs. David Morrice; turkey and side of lamb, Mrs. Chas. Morton; turkey and goose, Mrs. Gaunt; barrel apples, pot peaches, Lady Van Horne; barrel of apples, Mrs. S. M. Baylis; chocolate cake Mrs. Jas. Baylis; jar of mince meat and pot of jelly, Mrs. W. Sutherland Taylor; cranberries, Brown Bros.; cake and jar of fruit, Mrs. A. R. Griffith; blanc-mange and two shapes jelly, Miss McCulloch; jar strawberry and black currant jam, Mrs. J. T. Hagar; hot rolls, Mrs. Krause; case "Canadian Club" whiskey, Walter Wonham & Sons; books, Mrs. Young; oranges, Mrs. S. M. Baylis; magazines, Foster Brown & Co.; old linen, books and magazines, Mrs. J. A. Gillespie; kettle, Mrs. Watson; jar fruit, Mrs. Krause; cakes, J. M. Aird; magazines, Mrs. Brush; magazines, Mrs. R. Arnold; 3 pictures, 3 table covers, Mrs. Hector MacKenzie; 7 night shirts, Mrs. R. S. Reid; 3 flannel night shirts, Mrs. S. Bell.

WAIFS AND STRAYS.

Who will furnish a private ward?

The extension is a thing of beauty.

Nearly all the external work is finished.

There are now six nurses in training at the hospital.

The homœopathic hospital of Mexico has forty beds.

Old linen and old white cotton are needed at all times.

Cider vinegar is recommended as an antidote for carbolic acid.

There are forty-two homœopathic pharmacies in Calcutta, India.

The gasfitter and electric light man have completed their work.

Over \$610 was realized at the bazaar in aid of hospital maintenance.

The building committee are to be congratulated on the progress made.

The furnishing of the new building is now under consideration by the ladies.

There are six rooms 9 x 12 feet to be furnished as private wards in the new pavilion.

Help to spread the knowledge of Homœopathy, don't keep good things to yourself.

Subscribe to the MESSENGER and send it to your friends, it is only twenty-five cents a year.

The new pavilion is rapidly approaching completion, it will be opened as soon as finished.

Renew your subscription to the Montreal Homœopathic Association and get your friends to do likewise.

Who will furnish one of the six new private wards soon to be opened; apply to Women's Auxiliary for particulars.

Have you filled out one of those blank cards for subscription to the extension building fund and mailed it to Mr. O'Connor, if not, why not?

The building fund is about exhausted, so rapidly have the contractors pushed the work and more money is needed now, in order that the new building may be opened free of debt.

Ladies, make a point of attending the meetings of the Auxiliary Committee, and give the hospital management the benefit of your experience as well as the encouragement of your presence.

For one dollar, you can have the MESSENGER sent to 5 friends for one year.

Should a church, family, society or individual desire to make a memorial ward and give it their name, it can be furnished as elaborately as desired and a sum of money placed at interest to keep it up.

Who will furnish a private ward?

The subscription to the Women's Auxiliary is only two dollars and gives you a vote and a voice in the management and maintenance of the hospital; join now and identify yourself with this important movement.

The MESSENGER for one year, to five addresses for one dollar.

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NEW HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

The homœopathic women physicians of Brooklyn had full reason for thanking when, on the day so designated, they moved their patients into the new building of the Memorial Hospital for Women and Children. Two days before, on November 26th, the opening reception was held from 2 until 10 p. m.

This hospital, chartered in 1883, was the out-growth of a dispensary established two years before by the women physicians of the city. In 1888 the first building was used as a hospital, since which time three moves have been made. A final move has now been accomplished, into permanent quarters in a complete modern hospital designed for its use.

In its temporary quarters during the past year, two hundred and forty patients have received treatment, of whom less than one-quarter were pay patients. Surgery is a prominent feature of the work, most of the one hundred and nine operations performed last year being by the staff of the hospital. The fact that this, the only hospital in the city managed entirely by women, is solely under the control of homœopaths, is a signal illustration of the position occupied by homœopathy in the "City of Churches."—*Medical Century*.

The attending staff is composed of twelve of Brooklyn's most prominent lady physicians, justly celebrated in the domain of surgery and medicine.

SHALL WE RESIST TEMPTATION.

The presumption of these homœopaths is appalling. It appears now that of an equal number of patients treated for "grippe," they lose eight where the "regular physician" loses thirteen.

This puts us in a quandary.

Shall we stick to the gory old banner, with eight time-honored chances of coming out alive, or shall we call in the irrepressible homœopath and profit by the whole thirteen. In other words is it ²/₃ better to be a dead allopath than a live homœopath. What adds to the embarrassment of the faithful is that "grippe" often leads to pneumonia, and in pneumonia, according to recent statistics the homœopath only loses ten patients where the other M. D. loses sixteen patients and nine-tenths of another patient.

Of course death is preferable to dishonor, but when the candle of life is burning so low that it is a toss up as to recovery, the most conservative and high minded citizen might be pardoned for wishing to profit by the extra seven-tenths of another chance.—*N. Y. Life*.

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