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### THE ANNUAL CONGRESS OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF HOMŒOPATHY.

Practically this is a yearly World's Congress, delegates and guests from all parts of the world being present, even from India.

The Congress is well worth attending for about everything good or new in Homœopathy comes up in clever papers or in the even cleverer discussions of the most brilliant-men of the Homœopathic world. It was not encouraging to find only four Canadians: Dr. Sinclair of Woodstock, Dr. Anderson of Toronto, Dr. Griffith and myself from Montreal.

On our way to Detroit we had the pleasure of going over Grace Hospital, Toronto, with the genial house surgeon, Dr. Nichol. The situation of the hospital and the view from its roof garden were very fine.

The amount of room provided for the various departments was in marked contrast to our own crowded space.

The public wards we found large and airy, and the private rooms models of elegance and comfort.

In Detroit we had the privilege of seeing Pratt, of Chicago, perform Hysterectomy. The marvellous dexterity, technical and theoretical knowledge of this man were alone almost worth the journey.

Grace Hospital, Detroit, is about the size of the Montreal General, beautifully situated, richly endowed, and presided over by Miss Hibbard, a sister-in-law of Dr. Frank England, of Montreal. It is one of the most perfect hospitals in America, and does an immense amount of work. Homœopathy treats about one-third of Detroit.

In Chicago I slept one night in the great Cook County Hospital, 1500 beds, and excused myself the second. It bears the same relation to Chicago that Bellevue does to New York, and in Bellevue we slept mostly sitting up, or on the ambulance. Still, for clique-cursed Chicago it is a fine hospital, the building is fine, the grounds beautiful, the patients well looked after, and the wards neat. Night and day some 20 police ambulances pour in a stream of accidents and diseases. Probably no hospital in America furnishes a finer surgical experience.

The city allows the Homœopaths one case in five, and the Eclectics (who mostly practice homœopathy) one in six.

The nursing is done by the Illinois Training School, entirely independent of the warden, who is a clique appointee.

The Chicago Homœopathic Hospital and College is only about twice the size of our own building, and forms one of the dozen odd colleges and hospitals built around Cook County Hospital. It is a *multum in parvo*, and is ably conducted by Miss Hansen, a particularly bright and capable little woman. That it does good work the present make-up of our own staff is an ever-present illustration.

The opening of the Institute was characterized by receptions from the Mayor of Detroit and the Governor of Michigan, and brilliant affairs they were.

To avoid details we may say that almost every paper and essay was from the pen of a master hand fully up to all the latest discoveries and practical advances of modern research. The number of lady doctors present was a surprise to us.

To estimate the attendance roughly I should say that not less than 1000 delegates and guests were present.

In the halls below various firms from all over America showed about everything in the way of medicine and surgical appliances. Even the Röntgen rays apparatus caused to attract. This latter has a long way to go yet to advance from its present crude condition to that state where the profession will find use for its powers.

It was a real pleasure to again listen to the masterly talking of men such as Leavitt, Grosvenor, Allen, Wood, Lullam, Van Lennep, Lee, Green, Pratt, Fisher and Runnels. Wood, of Cleveland, struck me particularly as having an amazing amount of knowledge and common sense.

In the sphere of entertainment the Detroit profession surpassed anything yet attempted. Receptions, concerts, dinners, lake excursions, etc., etc., made the session pass all too quickly.

Detroit is a paradise of cyclists. No taxes, and miles of vitrified brick and asphalt. It is a recollection to be dreamed of.

We spent an afternoon at the sulphur baths of Mt. Clements, which are strong enough to almost discolor hair of auburn hue. From experience I should not recommend anyone to drink the water except by degrees.

Viewing the session as a whole we learned more, and had a pleasanter time at Detroit than at any previous session.

H. M. PATTON, M.D.

## REMINISCENT HOMŒOPATHY.

ARTHUR FISHER, M.D., MONTREAL.

The next adherent of the system was Dr. Morrin, whom Dr. Fargue enlightened, and whom I well know, though not as a homœopath, till after my establishment in Montreal. He, like Dr. Fargue, never figured openly as a practitioner of homœopathy. He had an extensive practice in the city of Quebec.

I afterwards met a Dr. Lancaster who practiced in London, Ont., and died at an advanced age.

After some years sojourn in Montreal I was joined by a German, Dr. Rosenstein, who though a very learned man and a very good homœopath, possessed qualities antagonistic to a successful medical career. He gave some public lectures, conspicuously advising his hearers to avoid the grog and the drop-shops. He was principally known for an experiment instituted by the late Dr. Hall in the Montreal General Hospital, to test the value of homœopathy *abusum morbis*, of the real merits of which I never could get reliable information, Dr. Hall's and Dr. Rosenstein's accounts materially differing. Dr. Rosenstein married here and left for England where he tried practice in different places, and might have succeeded but for his personal peculiarities. He finally returned here and died in the General Hospital, into which I got him admitted.

Since writing the above I have fallen on a large book published by Dr. Rosenstein in Louisville, Ky., in the year 1840, in which he handles the subject of homœopathy in all its bearings, both theoretical and practical, and showing an amount of industry and acumen for which I had not given him credit. Although written at so early a stage of our great discovery, it might be perused even now with great profit, not only by the lay, but even by the medical reader. It convinces me that the writer was, on first coming to Montreal, affected with incipient symptoms of the mental disease under which he finally succumbed.

After Dr. Rosenstein's demise we were visited at intervals by Drs. Smith and Peterson, whose stay was of ephemeral duration and left no impression on me worth recounting.

The next representative of our system in Montreal was Dr. Barber, a man of the highest attainments in literature, and a well-known and wonderfully eloquent lecturer on phrenology, elocution and other subjects. He became convinced of the truth of homœopathy through necessity. He was father-in-law of the late Judge Dunkin, also a

staunch upholder of homœopathy, and the present Miss Barber, so well known for her zealous philanthropic and religious work, is his daughter. The doctor in early life practiced medicine in England, but like our great prototype Hahnemann, became disgusted with its failure to furnish any reliable means of guidance in the treatment of disease, consequently relinquished it for the more congenial profession of literature which he followed for several years in Europe and America with a success which the elders of our day well remember. At length driven by illness in his own family to adopt some reasonable means of relief, he hailed with joy the Hahnemannian discovery, which gave him a firm foothold on which he stood till the day of his death, which occurred in his 81st year. Although he began the practice of homœopathy at an advanced age, he brought to its study an enthusiasm worthy of youth, which never flagged while life lasted. Homœopathy, his patients and I are deeply indebted for his earnest efforts, which we shall always hold in grateful memory.

In the year 1858 I retired from ordinary practice and went with my family to Europe leaving Dr. Barber sole representative of homœopathy in Montreal, but luckily he was not long destined to continue alone, having been joined by my late friend Dr. Fredrick Müller, whom I found on my return in sole charge of the homœopathic clientèle, Dr. Barber having retired to Brome, where he spent the remainder of his days with his daughter, Mrs. Dunkin, and even then exercising a favorable influence on his beloved system in the locality.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

### WAIFS AND STRAYS.

Beaten white of egg is an antidote for many poisons.

The oldest medical prescription is that of a "hair tonic," written B. C. 4000.

White of egg mixed with lemon juice and loaf sugar will cure hoarseness.

Raw eggs swallowed immediately after fish bones lodged in the throat, generally remove them.

Man is scientifically defined as forty-five pounds of carbon and nitrogen diffused through five buckets of water.

Mustard plasters mixed with the whites of eggs do not blister, although they are as efficacious as plain mustard plasters.

William Gardenio was the first person on whom the title of doctor of medicine was bestowed. He received it from the college of Asto in Italy in 1329.

The Massachusetts Homœopathic Hospital, which has been in existence twenty-five years, treated in its wards nearly 1,200 patients last year.

Inflammation of the knees is a disagreeable form of retribution for wearing high heels. Life-long lameness sometimes results from overindulgence in high heels.

The Homœopathic Dispensary of Boston has been in existence thirty-eight years, and has furnished treatment to over 275,000 patients. Last year over 18,000 patients applied for treatment, and 53,506 prescriptions were administered to them.

The Westborough Homœopathic Insane Hospital during the eight years of its active life, has treated 2878 patients, and with the phenomenal success of nearly double the percentage of recoveries made in any other state institution for the care of the insane.

Ex-Governor Flower has made another substantial gift to the New York Homœopathic Medical College and Hospital of \$95,000 with which to endow five free beds. Mrs. C. H. Kunhardt has also given the hospital \$15,000 for a memorial ward in honor of her late husband.

The following advertisement appeared in the *Stamford Mercury* (England), March 28, 1716. "Whereas the majority of Apothecaries in Boston have agreed to pull down the price of Bleeding to sixpence, let these certify that Mr. Richard Clarke, Apothecary, will bleed any body at his shop, gratis."

A female patient presented herself at the Hotel Dieu, of Lyons, for a rebellious hicough which had resisted all treatment for four days. She was asked to show the tongue, and it was noticed that with the putting out of the tongue the hicough ceased. The same thing has since been tried, and with success, in other cases. All that is necessary, apparently, is to strongly push the tongue out of the mouth and hold it so for a minute or two. It is also suggested now to try the same thing in suffocative cough, as whooping cough and choking by irrespirable gases.

TWENTY-FIVE CENTS is not much money, yet if every one who receives this paper would kindly remit that amount for a year's subscription, there would be no debtor side to the ledger.

## HOSPITAL NOTES.

**Little Metis** seems to be the favorite homœopathic seaside resort.

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**Remember the sick** in the hospital with fruit and flowers during the hot days.

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**The nurses** summer vacation began last month; each getting two weeks in her turn.

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**When your travelling** friends stop off to see Montreal bring them around to visit the hospital.

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**Dr. Arthur Fisher** has left town for his summer residence at Knowlton, to reside till autumn.

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**Do not forget** the Monday meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary at 10.30 A. M. during the Summer months.

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**During the month** of May the nurses were engaged, in private cases 27 days, and during the month of June 30 days.

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**Drs. H. M. Patton** and A. R. Griffith were delegates to the American Institute of Homœopathy which met in Detroit last month.

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**In response to** the appeal in the May MESSENGER for two steamer chairs for the verandahs, two kind friends have supplied that need and the gifts are much appreciated.

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**For reasons** stated in the June issue the name of this paper is changed, the present one being chosen because it sets forth the distinctive character of the paper and the cause it seeks to further.

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**Dr. Laura Müller** has returned from attending a post graduate course at the Boston University School of Medicine having added another M. D. to her name. The doctor will open an office in the city.

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**It may not** be generally understood that the private rooms and operating room are open to physicians of any and all schools. Patients may occupy private rooms and be attended to by their own physician to suit his and their convenience.

HOSPITAL REPORT FOR JUNE.  
1896.

No. of patients remaining in Hospital on June 1st.....	5
No. of patients admitted during the month.....	19
No. of patients discharged during the month.....	12
No. of patients remaining in Hospital on June 24th.....	12

During the month of June, as will be seen above, nineteen cases were admitted to the Hospital; of these, nine were surgical cases, three of which demanded operations, which were successfully carried out; the remaining ten, medical cases, were greatly benefitted by treatment.

## HOSPITAL WANTS.

Cushions for patients who are able to sit up.

An organ (not a hand organ) or a piano.  
Some flower vases.

A few small tables.

Three small tables, each containing a drawer, for nurses writing tables, at which they may sit to chart their temperatures and bedside notes.

A microscope for pathological examinations.

Old linen and cotton.

Cotton batting.

## DONATIONS IN JUNE.

J. B. Young, account donated, \$1.75; magazines, Mrs. Smith; magazines, Mrs. Reid; pansies, Mrs. Loek; oil cloth samples, Jas. Baylis; copies of "Life," Mrs. Hector Mackenzie; magazines, 92 Union Ave.; 1 doz. blank books, 5 jars preserves, old linen, covered water pitcher, Mrs. Jas. Baylis; wild flowers, four times, Miss Bella Leigh; 13 jars preserves, Mrs. Chas. Morton; medicine bottles unknown; 1 steamer chair, Mrs. Shorey; 1 steamer chair, Mrs. W. F. Brown; 2 jars preserves, Mrs. Benjamin; pine apples and oranges, Mrs. S. M. Baylis; empty bottles, Mrs. Sutherland Taylor; flowers, American Presbyterian Church Sunday School; butter and flour, Mrs. A. O. Granger; strawberries for nurses, "A Grateful Patient;" 4 plants, Mrs. Lust; flowers, brown Marguerites, Mr. De Witt; 1 doz. plates, 1 dish, Mrs. Jones; pictures and Xmas annuals, Wm. Foster Brown; quantity butter, Ladies' Home Journal, 1895, Mrs. Ed. Jaques; old linen and preserves, Mrs. N. O. Greene; small table for filter, Mrs. Hugh Watson; 8 fans for patients, American Presbyterian Church Mission Sunday School.

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C. J. Patton .....	20 00
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Mrs. H. Shorey. ....	10 00
Granville C. Cunningham. ....	10 00
Hugh B. Woodrow, Longueuil. ....	5 00
George S. Brush .....	5 00
Mrs. Dick, annual .....	5 00
Mrs. Jas. Aird, annual.....	1 00
Mrs. Ure, annual .....	1 00
Mrs. Warriner, special.....	1 00
Mrs. Moodie, special.....	1 00
Mrs. G. B. Smith, Boston. ....	1 00
J. B. Young .....	1 75

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, MONTREAL HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

TREASURER'S REPORT, for June, 1896.

Dr.	
To cash on hand, June 1st .....	\$219 68
“ from subscriptions and donations. ....	121 76
“ “ patients and nurse's fees.....	85 00
“ “ sale of dolls.....	1 00
Total .....	427 44
Cr.	
By amt. paid in wages.....	\$ 74 30
“ “ for med. and surg .....	12 25
“ “ “ laundry.....	33 04
“ “ “ house furnish .....	30 00
“ “ “ food supplies.....	91 14
“ “ “ postage.....	2 74
“ cash returned to patient. ....	3 00
	\$247 08
Balance on hand .....	\$180 39
	\$427 44

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INVALID COOKERY.

RESTORATIVE SOUP.

1 calve's foot, 3 lbs. shin of beef. 3 lbs. knuckle veal, 3 quarts cold water; blanch and cut up foot, cut up veal and beef, place with the water and little salt in saucepan and simmer four or five hours till reduced to three pints, strain through a sieve and set aside; when cold remove all fat and warm up the quantity required.

STEWED SWEETBREAD AND POTATO.

Soak the sweetbread 2 hours in cold water, trim and blanch by putting them into more cold water and just bring to a boil; drain and press them; then stew them in boiling milk three-quarters of an hour, flavor with salt, pepper and a blade of mace; remove and keep warm while the milk is thickened with a little flour for a sauce, if it is liked.

Take 1 pound boiled potato, rubbed through a sieve, put 1 tablespoon cream, some pepper and salt in saucepan, add the potato, warm thoroughly; place potato on a hot dish with sweetbreads in the middle, and pour over all the milk sauce.

"A LAST CHANCE."

"In 1826 he was attacked by what was pronounced by London doctors to be an abscess on the lungs, and after months of suffering his life seemed to be fast ebbing away when, as a last chance, he was recommended to go to Paris to consult Dr. Hahnemann, celebrated as the founder of homœopathy, whom he describes as a wizened old man of seventy, not more than five feet high, looking like a necromancer—who declared that his lungs were sound, that the mischief was with the liver, and he would cure it in three weeks. After just that period there was a ball at the Tuileries, where he received the congratulations of the old King on his recovery, which was so thorough that he survived for more than half a century.—*Autobiography and Journals of Admiral Lord Clarence Paget.*

The above extract from a review of Lord Paget's autobiography is another of the many tributes to Hahnemann's skill as a physician, and is a strong evidence of the truth and efficacy of homœopathy. Like Lord Paget, many are coming to homœopathy to-day "as a last chance," who might be saved the "months of suffering," did not the blindness and prejudice of their medical advisers and friends (?) prevent their getting relief sooner.

THE LAWS OF HEALTH.

The true secret of health and long life lies in very simple things.

Court the fresh air day and night. "Oh, if you knew what was in the air!" Sleep and rest abundantly. Sleep is nature's benediction. "Work like a man; but don't be worked to death."

Avoid passion and excitement. A moment's anger may be fatal.

Associate with healthy people. Health is contagious as well as disease.

Don't carry the whole world on your shoulders, far less the universe. Trust the Eternal.

Never despair. "Lost hope is a fatal disease.—*Chic. Med. Times.*

A REMEDY FOR BLACK EYE.

A writer in *Medical Progress* says in this trouble, as well as in rheumatism, sore or stiff neck, there is nothing to compare with a tincture or strong infusion of capsicum mixed with an equal bulk of mucilage of gum arabic, with the addition of a few drops of glycerine. The bruised surface is painted with this mixture and allowed to dry on; a second or third time, if necessary, speedily relieves.

Last summer Mr. Chesebrough, the originator of vaseline, mentioned a new preparation for these troubles, in which the capsicum was combined with vaseline and used as above directed. It was so successful in our hands that it is now almost a daily prescription.—*N. Y. Med. Times.*

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ways taken with a sense of satisfaction. It does not produce the depressing effects which always follow the continued use of Malt Liquors. The importance of this cannot be overestimated, when it is remembered that an agent of this kind must be persistently used to procure the best results from its administration.

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