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We take great pleasure in publishing in the present number of the journal the picture of the oldest practising homeopathic physician in the United States, and, most likely, in the world. Dr. Floto is one of the Philadelphia Provers Union, organized in the early days by Hering, and his contributions are published in the volume published by that Union. He is a graduate of the old Allentown Academy of Homeopathy, the first homeopathic medical college. Dr. Floto still enjoys perfect health, is able to attend to a considerable practice, is in full possession of all his faculties, and promises to celebrate his 100th birthday before 1900.—*Pacific Coast Journal.*

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## HOSPITAL REPORT.

Patients in February 1st, 1890.....	66
Births in February .....	2
Admitted in February.....	33
Discharged in February.....	33
Deaths.....	3
Remaining March 1st.....	59

GEORGE MUSSON, M.B.,  
Assistant House Physician.

## HOSPITAL AND TRAINING SCHOOL NOTES.

Lectures in classes were resumed during February by Drs. Howitt and Jones, respectively. The subjects were Obstetrics, and Diseases and Care of Children.

Dr. Sweeny assists Mr. Capp and Mr. Broughall every week in administering to the spiritual welfare of the public patients.

The W. C. T. U. sing every Sunday morning to public patients.

Rev. John Hunt visits the Hospital, as do also the Knox College students, every week.

Members of the Bloor Street Presbyterian Church visit on Mondays, bringing flowers and fruit.

## OUR WANTS.

## (PUBLIC WARDS.)

Felt slippers for men.

Dressing-gowns for men.

Preserves and apples (urgently wanted).

## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

The meetings of the Board of Management have been held regularly during the past month. There have been five new members added to the list of membership since our last publication. Miss Brent, Lady Superintendent, attended a Convention of Hospital Nurses held during February in Philadelphia, an interesting account of which will be found in another column. We are sorry to report that Mrs. Bey, Matron, sustained an injury to her ankle by falling, which has proved quite tedious, and may confine her to her room for some time. Arrangements for lighting the Hospital with electricity have been completed, and found to work most satisfactorily, much to the comfort and pleasure of both the "Household Staff" and patients.

The following ladies were elected as members of the Board of Management of Gracé Hospital on February 17th:—

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## YOUNG LADIES' AUXILIARY.

## FOR MONTH OF JANUARY.

The Auxiliary met as usual every Wednesday morning during the past month. Seven new members joined—Miss Baldwin, Miss Kingston, Miss Davidson, Miss Ritter, Miss Dallas, Mrs. Logan, Mrs. B. Cox.

The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance on hand of \$109.84.

The Auxiliary have purchased 6 pairs of bath blankets, 24 yards of Canton flannel, 1 lb. of wool for infants' shirts, 6 baskets for the nurses to use in bathing patients and flannelette. Work done—10 nightdresses, 32 bed spreads, 5 tablecovers, 6 pair of lace curtains, 50 sheets, 10 pillowcases, 18 tray-cloths, 10 towels, 5 comb bags and 1 infant's shirt.

## FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

The Auxiliary meetings have been very well attended this month and quite an amount of work finished.

The Auxiliary have purchased 3 doz. kitchen towels, 12 yds. of spot, 3 muslin and 63 yds. of towelling; also 6 baskets for the nurses to

use in bathing patients. Work finished—49 pillowcases, 30 sheets, 61 towels, 2 traycloths and 3 infants' shirts knitted. Miss Brent brought in 3 infants' shirts kindly knitted by Mrs. Smith.

The Saturday donations have been very generously responded to.

J. M. C. DIXON,  
*Secretary.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

## JANUARY.

## Cr.

To balance from December brought forward .....	\$ 12.80
Jan. 16. " 3 members' fees .....	3.00
" 29. " credit on overpaid bill of W. A. Murray's .....	2.15
	\$ 18.11
To receipts from cookery book ....	100.00
	\$127.11

## Dr.

Jan. 16. Spools of thread .....	\$ 0.15
" 16. Postal cards .....	0.10
" 29. Mrs. Sey for flannelette .....	1.20
" 32. 6 prs. blankets, \$1.00 pr. ....	11.70
" 36. 24 yds. canton flannel, 8c. yd. ....	1.92
" 39. 1 lb. white wool .....	1.12
" 39. Thread, 30c.; needles, 10c .....	0.40
" 30. Flannelette .....	0.08
	\$ 17.27
By balance .....	100.84
	\$127.11

EMMA M. ROSE,  
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## FEBRUARY.

## Cr.

To balance on hand from January.	\$100.84
Feb. 4. " receipts from cookery book ...	11.26
" 11. " " " " " ....	1.50
	\$122.60

## Dr.

Feb. 16. 6 baskets for Nurses .....	\$ 7.50
" 16. R. Walker & Sons for Swiss spotted muslin (by cheque). ....	2.25
	\$ 9.75
By cash on hand .....	112.84
	\$122.60

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ilton), Hunter Emory, M.D., W. H. Howitt,  
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## THE NEW PHOTOGRAPHY.

The usefulness and practical application of the new photography was quite recently very clearly shown by the photographing of a portion of a needle in a lady's foot.

Mrs. J. D. Smith, of Bloor Street East, was unfortunate enough to run a needle into her foot, which immediately broke, leaving about three-quarters of an inch of the sharp end deeply imbedded in the sole of her foot. Dr. Adams, of Carlton street, her physician, deferred operating owing to the impossibility of locating the exact position of the needle, and he being desirous of trying the effect of the "Cathode Rays" it was decided to try the experiment of photographing the foot. Dr. Geo. Musson, House Surgeon of Grace Hospital, having arranged for the photo to be taken, this was done at the School of Practical Science by Messrs. J. O. McLennan, A. H. Wright, J. Keele, assisted by W. H. Miller, Ph.D., Dr. Ellis and Mr. Roselborough. The foot was exposed to the "rays" for fifteen minutes and upon developing the negative the bones in the foot showed very distinctly with the needle lying transversely in the space between the metatarsal bones of second and third toes. Drs. Adams and Topp, by following a diagram made from the negative, were able to reach and extract the needle by a single straight incision about three-quarters of an inch in length. The operation only took a few minutes to perform and is, we believe, the first operation of the kind performed in America.

Drs. Adams, Topp and Musson, are desirous of expressing their sincere thanks for the kindness and courtesy shown them by the above named gentlemen at the School of Science, as there is no doubt that the success of the experiment was largely due to the discovery of reflecting the "X" rays and thereby greatly shortening the time of exposure.

## HINTS.

For painful callous places on the soles of the feet, antimonium crudum is the remedy.

To allay the intense pain of felonies, am. carb.

Nausea from riding in cars, is overcome by coccus, take a dose or two before starting, and on the cars on the first sign of nausea.

Excoria of the lids, in which thick honeycomb scales are found both in and around the lids with nocturnal agglutination is especially amenable to Hepar.

## DONATIONS.

Y. L. A., 6 surgical dressing baskets, muslin, kitchen towels.  
 Mrs. Burton, 1 doz. kitchen towels, oranges, prunes, pink oats and peaches.  
 Mrs. Emory, 3 quarts oysters (per Y. L. A.).  
 Nancy Land, 4 quarts preserves.  
 Mrs. Blackford, rhubarb, prunes and apples.  
 Mrs. Green, 3 bags potatoes.  
 Mrs. Worthington, 2 dressing gowns for men, 6 nightdress, 4 pairs slippers.  
 Mrs. McDonough, 2 jars fruit (per Y. L. A.).  
 Mrs. Lby, apples and oranges.  
 Mr. Lewis, 10 vols. *Chambers' Journal*, from 1863 to 1865, and one year of *Leisure Hour*.  
 Circle of King's Daughters, Rockwood, Ont., 5 tray-cloths and 6 factory sheets, for use in King's Daughters' Ward.  
 Mrs. Brodlo, 2 palls of preserves.

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The Third Annual Convention of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses was held February 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, at the Colon-

nado Hotel, Fifteenth and Chestnut streets, Philadelphia. The President, Miss Davis, of the University State Hospital, Philadelphia, in the chair.

The object of this Convention is the elevation of the nursing profession in all its branches. To meet in this object a committee was formed last year with Miss Suively, of the Toronto General Hospital, as its convener, to draw up a uniform curriculum. A very able paper was prepared and accepted, it being decided that the curriculum should be adopted and tried for the coming year and work reported on at next Convention. A statistical report of the working hours of nurses in the different hospitals was prepared and read by Miss Nutting, of the Johns Hopkins, and the deplorable fact that in some hospitals women are expected to work fourteen and a-half hours was brought to light.

A nurse's work demands great watchfulness and intelligence, and how can a nurse with worn out body and mind be able for this. This not only applies to hospital nursing but also to nurses on private duty, where sometimes it is considered an imposition if the nurse demands her six hours off duty. We do not expect as much work from our laboring men. It is fortunately only in few hospitals that these long hours are imposed. The majority having eight and a-half or nine

hours, work. The other papers of interest were: "Should Undergraduates be sent out to Private Duty"; "Limitations of Pupil Nurses' Duty in Caring for Male Patients," etc.

The delegates to the Convention certainly owe a vote of thanks to Miss Davis and her friends for the hospitality and kindness shown to the visitors. The President for the coming year is Miss Nutting, of the Johns Hopkins. The next Convention will be held February, 1897, in Baltimore.

So long as the sciences of medicine was empirical and drugs were prescribed simply because experience had taught their administration was followed by certain effects, no progress was possible. We are now discovering the causes of disease and are dealing with them in logical principles.

For this improvement the noble art of healing is largely indebted to the homeopaths. Members of the old school have been until now like English lawyers, for whom law is a mere bundle of precedents; the homeopaths have always tried to trace symptoms back to their causes and to act on the old adage that the cause being removed the effect will disappear. When medicine is reduced to a mathematical science humanity will laugh at diseases which are now considered incurable.—*Pacific Record*.

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