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### WHAT IS HOMEOPATHY?

Homeopathy may therefore be defined as the science of therapeutics based on nature's law for healing. It is the science of the selection of a remedy that causes, in the healthy, effects similar to those for which it is employed in disease. The methodical testing of drugs on the healthy was first done by Hahnemann; he saw at once the fallacy of obtaining a knowledge of drug action by testing upon animals, knowing that the effects of medicines vary according to the animal experimented upon. Thus it is known that rabbits will eat *Belladonna* leaves, pigs will eat of *Nuxvomica* freely, hogs and horses will eat *Aconite*, all of which substances are poisonous to man. We know, too, that drugs affect different animals differently, thus *Ipecac* is an emetic to man and dogs, but not the ox. Hence the necessity of testing drugs on the healthy human body to determine their rightful actions. This testing must be done singly, for to obtain the pure action of a drug it must be admin-

istered singly and alone, unmixed with any other substance. If tested singly surely it must be given singly. If given singly there is not the necessity for so large a dose, and this has led to the small doses of the system, for it is reasonable to suppose and experience verifies the supposition that a single drug acts better when uninterfered with by any other substance, and so polyparmacy is no part of Homeopathy. Again, it has been found that the dose repetition is not needed so frequently. Therefore to recapitulate the fundamental features of Homeopathy we say:

First. Disease is manifested by its symptoms—and the symptoms—or, by what we term the totality of the symptoms of a given case.

Second. Knowledge of drug action must be obtained by experimentation upon the healthy human body, and this has been largely done for us by the early workers in the school.

Third. The curative relation between these two sets of phenomena is by virtue of the "law of similars" or *similia similibus cureatur*.

Fourth. The selected remedy should be administered singly, uncombined with any other; hence the doctrine of the single remedy.

Fifth. It should be given in the smallest doses that will cure; hence the minimum dose.

Sixth. As enough is sufficient the dose should not be unnecessarily repeated.

All these topics are capable of a wide expansion and homeopathic physicians are familiar with all their phases.

Homeopathy therefore is a general fact—a principle or law of nature; it is a practical fact: it stands upon its comparative merits; it is simple and intelligible; it gains by comparison; it is a medical treatment for all time and applicable to all forms of disease, new as well as old. It is a practical guide, a guide to the choice of medicine, not of the dose. It aims to eradicate or permanently cure disease. It economizes the vital forces. It is gentle and agreeable. It administers one remedy at a time. It is applicable to acute as well as to chronic diseases. It is ever prepared to meet any new form of sickness, and by it a physician is enabled to treat diseases that he never saw or heard described. It carries out in detail what all medicine does in general. It is the only system that includes the three great divisions of therapeutics, namely, preventive medicine, palliative medicine and curative medicine. While curative medicine is its specialty, preventive medicine always and palliative medicine only when no harm may be inflicted by the agencies is employed. Homeopathy's principles will stand the test of scientific inquiry, her methods will bear the critical investigations—in fact, these are invited. Mod. Century.

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The average expenditure upon liquor by the people of this country is seventeen dollars (\$17) per head, mostly beer; for tobacco in all forms it is six dollars (\$6). Taken together, the expenditures for liquor and tobacco come to twenty-three dollars (\$23) per head, while our expenditures for the support of the Government last year, including the cost of war, were only six dollars (\$6), or about one-fourth the cost of drink and smoke. We are proud of our system of education and we boast of our common schools, yet we apply only three dollars (\$3) a head, on the average, to the support of common schools, varying from a minimum of less than a dollar in the cotton states to five dollars in Massachusetts—Jour. of Inebriety.

## ANNUAL BAZAAR.

The Woman's Auxillary has arranged to hold a Fancy Fair in the Windsor Hall on Saturday, December 10th, and are now hard at work to secure novelties and make it a success.

The following booths have been arranged for, and their number and variety are increasing all the time.

Fancy Work will be in charge of Mrs. R. L. Watson, assisted by Mrs. Gaunt and Mrs. De Forest Smith.

Useful and fancy articles will be for sale by Mrs. C. T. Williams, Mrs. A. D. Patton, Miss Ames and Miss Dora Baylis.

Candy will be dispensed by Miss Winnifred Hagar, assisted by her friends.

Toys and a Fish Pond for the children will be ably looked after by Mrs. S. C. Matthews, Miss Matthews and her assistants.

Pop-corn is to be prepared in a novel manner by Mrs. Van Orden, and disposed of to the numerous buyers by a bevy of assistants.

Home-made dainties as usual will be in charge of Mrs. A. R. Griffith, Mrs. Holland and Miss Marie Robertson.

Cake table is an assured success with Mrs. C. Scarff at its head.

Japanese tea room will be in charge of Miss Childs and some charming Jap maids.

Lemonade from Miss Mildred Hagar or her young friends will relieve the thirsty and add a good sum for this deserving charity.

Refreshments will be served at special tables, and music, by Hume's orchestra, as in former years, will be a special attraction.

Come and see the Tulip bed.

Donations for any of the tables in money, materials or finished articles may be sent to the President, Mrs. J. T. Hagar, 376 Mountain Street, any time, or the ladies in charge of tables on the morning of the Fair at the hall.

It is hoped that all the friends of homeopathy will rally to the help of the ladies who are working so devotedly to make a success of this event. More workers are needed and will be gladly welcomed.

This being the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Woman's Auxillary and the opening of the hospital, the ladies are especially desirous of celebrating their "tin" wedding with all customary festivities of such occasions, and trust that not only those who were present ten years ago at the initial ceremony, but all their friends, will grace the festival and add lustre or "tin" as an evidence of their good wishes.

**GOVERNORS' MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the governors was held October 27th. As the semi-annual meeting was postponed for lack of quorum, this was really the first meeting since the incorporation of the hospital.

Among those present were Miss M. Robertson, Messrs. John Torrance, Samuel Bell, E. G. O'Connor, S. M. Baylis, T. J. Dawson, Drs. H. M. Patton, A. D. Patton and A. R. Griffith; Vice-President O'Connor in the chair.

The voluminous minutes of the re-organization meeting were read and confirmed. The secretary, Mr. T. J. Dawson, was instructed to write to the Homœopathic Association regarding the formal transfer of hospital property held by it; also the request of the Woman's Auxiliary and Homeopathic Association to forward the names of the nominees for governors in accordance with the revised by-laws of the hospital.

Reports were presented and read from the Committee of Management, Treasurer and Medical Superintendent, all of which were received and confirmed. The Treasurer's report, which appears in another column of this issue, showed a slightly better state of financial affairs than that of the similar period of last year.

The Medical Superintendent reported the total number of patients admitted for the quarter at 107, 16 of whom were in the hospital on June 1st, leaving the net admissions 91, or 4 less than the like period of last year. The patients were divided as follows: Private 59, semi-private 16, public 20, and maternity 5. The number of private patients was 9 in excess of last year, the semi-private 8 less, and the public patients 5 less than last year. The number of operations performed was 33, exceeding that of last year by 8. The deaths numbered 4, of which 3 were private patients. Attention was drawn to the good showing in numbers of patients for a particularly dull summer season, emphasized by the absence of so many doctors from town on holidays and attending the Dominion Medical Convention in Vancouver. Reference was made to the new quarters for the nurses, resulting in their better general health and increased working ef-

ficiency. In explanation of the decrease in nurses fees, it was pointed out that the serious cases in the hospital required more than usual attention, and the nurses services could not be spared for outside work.

The report of the Committee of Management dwelt upon the continuance of the prosperity of the hospital, and the necessity of improvement in equipment to keep pace with the hospital's needs. It called to mind the fact that ten years ago the hospital was opened for the reception of patients, which anniversary had been fittingly celebrated by the hospital's becoming incorporated, by the more than doubling the extent of its frontage on McGill College Avenue, and by the opening of the new Home for Nurses. With such achievements to celebrate the "Tin Anniversary," it would require no small gift of prophecy to depict the celebration of the "Silver Anniversary."

The report mentioned the provision made for fire escape, the installation of electric bell system throughout the institution, and the putting in of a system of house telephones, connecting the different floors, wards and nurses' home. Mention was made of the handsome gift by Mr. Edward Carter to the Nurses' Home in the shape of a grand Chickering piano. The appointment of a collector was reported, with encouraging prospects of having this very important department of subscriptions thoroughly organized and the work diligently prosecuted.

After reception and discussion of reports the meeting adjourned, the governors present accepting an invitation to inspect the Nurses' Home and new private wards in the maternity annex which were nearly ready for occupancy. The next meeting will be the annual one, to be held Thursday, January 26th, 1905.

**FINANCIAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY FROM MAY 25TH TO OCT. 25TH.**

Receipts—

Miss Moodie (towards rent No. 46) .....	\$100.00
Miss Aspinwall Howe .....	2.00
Mrs. J. R. Baker (auxiliary fee) .....	2.00
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	\$104.00

Disbursements—

W. L. Malkby, rent, 2 quarters..	\$160.00
Mrs. J. T. Hagar, for purchases	50.00
Mrs. J. T. Hagar, for bedding.	
etc.....	17.09
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	\$227.09

## THERAPEUTICS OF WHOOPING COUGH.

The remedies for this disease are not many in the majority of cases, and have the advantage of being mostly old friends.

Hahnemann claimed great things for *Drosera*. He said that the thirtieth potency sufficed to cure nearly every case. The low potencies have been of more service to me. In the second dilution the remedy works wonders. The patient has frequent paroxysms and seems unable to catch his breath.

*Corallium rubrum* is of great service during the earlier stages; it suits nervous children who have frequent attacks of short, sharp cough.

*Cuprum metallicum* reminds one of spasms, and in this disease it covers many cases in which there are convulsions or where the cough takes a spasmodic form, being very violent and threatening suffocation; much rattling of mucus; the face and lips bluish and relief is obtained from a swallow of water. One symptom in this drug which was told me by Dr. J. B. G. Custis, of Washington City, I have verified over and over in all sorts of convulsions, is that the patient will not only clench the hands but the thumb will be turned into the palm of the hand underneath the fingers. When you see that peculiar fist you will have a symptom to prescribe upon that will never fail. I have seldom seen a case which *Cuprum* relieved that did not have this symptom, and most patients will hold the hands in this position even between attacks. Another good symptom is a green diarrhea looking like corroded copper. If these two symptoms are present in any sort of convulsions copper is the remedy. Nash says that the spasms of this drug begin by twitching of the hands and feet.

*Hyoscyamus* is a splendid remedy in the later stage of whooping cough, when there is a nervous hack; the child sees bugs when the light is taken away at night, when he keeps reaching as if trying to catch something, or continually picks at the bed clothes.

*Antimonium tartaricum* is indicated where the child is cross; does not want to be touched or looked at; much loose rattling mucus in the chest; he coughs and gags and finally brings up a part of the mucus.

*Causticum*, feels that he has not the power to raise phlegm; the child strikes his toes when walking; the urine spurts during the cough.

*Kali bichromicum* has a hoarse cough, with a little dry spot in the throat; the mucus flies from the mouth in aropy mass during the cough.

*Ipecac* has pronounced nausea; the patient coughs until he vomits.

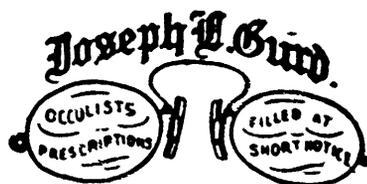
*Napthaline* is highly recommended, works nicely in some cases. There are no indications for the drug.

Many other drugs are recommended for this disease, but I have seldom to use more remedies than those named; still we must hunt until we find the indicated remedy, and although the little patient may cough out the allotted six weeks, if the physician will take the trouble to study out the homeopathic remedy the cough will not be troublesome and he may surprise himself by cutting short the attack.—*Med. Century*.

## A PECULIAR SYMPTOM IN TYPHOID FEVER.

W. C. Doane calls attention to a symptom which he has found to indicate great danger, and, as a rule, to presage death. It is unilateral deafness. But when, on the contrary, both ears are deaf, the prognosis is generally favorable. This idea was advanced by Trousseau over twenty-five years ago, and Doane is unable to give any explanation of it, but claims to have verified its accuracy in his own personal experience.—*Record*.

A curious exposition of callousness and greed was recently made in a civil suit brought against a Colorado surgeon. He became interested in the case of a cripple whom he had found begging on the street and by an operation requiring great skill, removed his disability. The relatives of the cripple promptly brought suit against the physician for removing their means of support, claiming that as a cripple the youth had brought them in an average of \$5 daily, while now they were compelled to support him until he could gain means of earning his living. The judge promptly dismissed the case on hearing the presentation of the prosecution.—*Am. Jour.*



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**PHILLIPS TRAINING SCHOOL NOTES.**

Nurses Harding and Mallion were off duty, on the sick list, last month.

Misses Trench, '02, Warner, '03, and Quirk, M.C.T. were on special duty in the hospital during last month.

Nurse De La Ronde, having completed her three years training, leaves the hospital this month.

Nurse G. Trench, who has been away on sick leave for the past six months, will again take up her work this month.

Miss M. Kent, a former lady superintendent, is travelling in Europe for pleasure and profit. She was in London last month.

Rumor has it that the little fellow with bow and arrow has marked another of our graduates for execution, or extinction professionally, in the coming winter.

Miss Spence, '02, has gone to New York to reside, and to take up hospital work under the Department of Charities and Correction.

Nurses' lectures, on Practice of Medicine, Physiology and Obstetrics were commenced during the past month. Practice of Medicine, Physiology and Materia Medica are scheduled for this month.

Examinations for nurses will be held in April, 1905.

For second year nurses, in Physiology, Urinalysis, Diseases of Children, Anatomy, Hygiene and Toxicology, Minor Surgery.

For senior or third year, graduating nurses, in Practice of Medicine, Obstetrics, Materia Medica, Surgery, Gynecology, Theory and Practice of Nursing.

Examinations are optional with first year nurses, and if successfully taken, will exempt them from second year examinations in such passed subjects.

Five questions in each subject will constitute an examination paper, with a possible marking of 100. Seventy-five per cent. will be required to pass and ninety-five per cent. for honors.

**HOSPITAL TREASURER'S REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1904.**

**Receipts.**

Cash on hand July 1st.....	\$ 508.22
Patients' fees for quarter ....	2,263.69
Nurses' fees for quarter.....	46.00
Governors' fees for quarter..	10.00
Dispensary for quarter.....	3.47
Subscriptions for quarter ....	426.50
Woman's Auxiliary, for rugs.	17.09
Nurses' Home Fund, on account of loan .....	41.70
	\$3,316.67

**Expenditure.**

Salaries and wages .....	\$ 666.40
Groceries and provisions (from petty cash account) .....	129.03
Medical and surgical supplies (from petty cash account) .....	87.19
Light and fuel .....	96.13
Repairs (from petty cash account) .....	52.80
Furnishings (from petty cash account) .....	77.25
General expenses (from petty cash account) .....	20.48
Water taxes .....	77.60
Commission to collector.....	41.31
House telephone system (from petty cash account) .....	15.00
Special nurse (from petty cash account) .....	5.00
Loan to Nurses' Home Fund..	65.00
Sundry accounts paid during quarter .....	1,853.14
	\$3,186.23
Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1904..	\$ 130.34

Doctors give away more than any other class of men on earth. It is stated that gratuitous services of physicians last year to one large Philadelphia hospital amounted to over \$500,000 at ordinary fees. Upon this the Wisconsin Medical Recorder remarks that "if any individual or any society had given a half million dollars to any cause the fact would have appeared in all the dailies with large headlines, but this free work of physicians has come to be considered as too common for notice. And this was only one hospital in one city. How enormous this free work in the whole country must have been last year." Much of this free work was necessary and commendable, and much of it was not.

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## HOSPITAL NOTES.

Remember the Bazaar.

December 10th, afternoon and evening.

BEGINNING to get busy again in hospital.

LAST months' "wants" contained a request for a piano stool, and we got two.

THERE seems to be a misunderstanding about the nature and uses of the Nurses' Home fund. It is entirely apart from the hospital finances and is used solely for payment on and fitting up the property purchased for the Home.

SEND in your subscription for this fund and help us to cut down our interest bill before the new year begins, or, anyway, help us to pay this quarterly drain on our resources.

NOW that we have succeeded in getting for our nurses instruction in invalid cookery, it would be a useful and necessary adjunct to our facilities if we had a diet kitchen. One could easily be constructed at comparatively small cost on the roof of the main building. Would any of our friends like to provide the means for thus adding to the hospital's efficiency?

IN THE RECORD of August, 1896, appears the following two paragraphs: "The private wards are at the disposal of any reputable physician whether belonging to the hospital staff or not." "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." This policy of our hospital is the same to-day as it was eight years ago.

THE REGULAR monthly meeting of the Committee of Management was held on October 24th, with a fair attendance. After reading of minutes of previous meeting, progress was re-

ported in the matter of the Callow legacy, and the hope expressed that definite statements would be forthcoming for the next meeting. The various reports were presented and approved. The Lady Superintendent's report showed an increase in the hospital's work and a satisfactory state of affairs in the domestic departments. Mention was made of the failure to obtain instruction in massage for the nurses, for the present at least. Suggestions were offered relating to the establishment of a diet kitchen, but financial reasons prevented any action being taken. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held on Monday, Nov 28th.

TILL inauguration of the canvassing for subscriptions has proved the wisdom of the move by bringing our institution to the notice of many people in all walks of life who knew little or nothing of our existence and work. It is to be hoped that we may by this means awaken an interest in homeopathy and our hospital which will enable us to take our proper place among the great charitable institutions of our city, and fulfil the hopes and desires of the founders and all our friends. For a beginning on this line we have done well, and trust that in time we will have a permanent income from this source great enough to permit us to devote our energies and facilities to the alleviation of suffering among the indigent, to our fullest capacity. With this end in view we trust our friends will see that our subscription lists of the future will be as great as those of the past have been small.

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HOSPITAL WANTS.

Apples, raw or cooked.  
In barrels or jars.  
A fire-proof safe.  
Furniture for the two new rooms.  
Your help for the annual bazaar.  
Tea, sugar, flour, eggs, butter, etc.  
Soap, starch, soda, chipped soap.  
A new mangle, not an experiment.  
Kitchen utensils, crockery, china, glass.  
A share of your next Saturday's market basket.  
Your name on our subscription list.  
Your subscription to the RECORD.  
Summed up, first, last, and all the rest, the MONEY.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CASH DONATIONS IN OCTOBER.**

The hospital treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following:—

Gault Bros. ....	\$ 10.00
Ogilvie Flour Milling Co. ....	10.00
Pilkington Bros., Ltd. ....	10.00
Auer Light Co. ....	5.00
T. Robertson, Esq. ....	5.00
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J. T. Clarke, Esq. ....	1.00
Cash ....	.50
\$127.50	

**DONATIONS IN OCTOBER.**

The Lady Superintendent acknowledges with thanks the following:

- Mrs. A. H. Thomson—6 quarts preserves, 1 piano stool.
- Mrs. M. R. Monserrat—magazines.
- Mrs. W. F. Brown 1 piano stool.
- Mrs. S. Bell—2 small tables.
- Woman's Auxiliary—2 doz. quilts, 2 doz. sheets, 2 doz. pillow cases, 1 doz. bath towels, 1 roller towel, 2 doz. blankets, 3 dust pans, 1 1-2 doz. cups and saucers, 2 doz. tumblers, 3 soap shakers, 4 salt shakers, 3 butter pads, 1-2 doz. table knives, 1-2 doz. small knives, 1-2 doz. teaspoons, 3 laundry baskets.

**HOSPITAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER.**

Number of patients in the hospital October 1 .....	14
Admitted—	
Private patients .....	22
Semi-private patients .....	8
Public patients .....	4
Maternity .....	1
35	
Discharged—	
Private patients .....	21
Semi-private patients .....	4
Public patients .....	4
Maternity .....	1
30	
Died .....	1
Operations .....	7
Number of days of private nursing outside .....	7
Number of days of private nursing in hospital .....	10
Remaining in hospital Nov. 1. ....	19
Viz.:	
Private patients .....	10
Semi-private patients .....	5
Public patients .....	3
Maternity .....	1
19	

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**FEEDING IN TYPHOID FEVER.**

According to F. L. Keays (Medical Record) the routine diet in vogue at the New York Hospital throughout the active stage of typhoid fever is milk, fifty to seventy ounces being given in twenty-four hours. It is customary to keep a daily record of the amount of milk taken, so that it will not fall below what is necessary. When plain milk is not acceptable to the patient it is varied in different ways; a little brandy or a few spoonfuls of coffee or some malted milk is added; koumyss or matzoon is substituted for milk from time to time for variety. Patients who complain of hunger are given broth or beef juice. As soon as the temperature reaches normal, more active feeding is begun. The patient is given a lamb chop, or an egg boiled for twenty minutes, and finely chopped, or scraped-beef sandwiches. Proper mastication of the food is urged. Each day, as the food agrees, new articles of diet are added to the list, or those already given are increased in amount. Baked custard, bread, milk toast, and finally chicken, raw oysters, baked apple, baked potato, rice, hominy and green vegetables are allowed, the milk all the time being cut down. The patient is kept upon this food while in the hospital and is told to continue it for several weeks after leaving.--Ex.

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