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THE GROWTH OF HOMEOPATHY.

Oliver Wendell Holmes was a scholar, a delightful poet and doubtless a good physician, but when he turned his hand to prophecy he made a dismal failure. He prophesied the death of Homeopathy in a prophetic article written in 1848. At the threshold of the twentieth century there are more institutions, hospitals, public and private, in the United States than there were practicing physicians of Homeopathy in 1848. Professor Holmes lived to realize his prophetic failure.

In 1875 there was established in the University of Michigan a homeopathic department. Michigan was the first of our states not only to recognize the claims of the new school, but also that the taxpayers who supported State medicine, many of whom, and especially of the better and thinking class, should not contribute alone to the education of physicians of a school in which they had no faith. About that time there was much bitterness shown our school, not by the people nor the authorities, but by the physicians of the dominant school.

A physician who was practicing in a town of Southwestern Missouri, and a graduate of the old school department of that university, wrote a letter to the "Detroit Review" bemoaning the disgrace of admitting Homeopathy to the university. He stated in his communication that Homeopathy was dead in his part of the country; that there was only one homeopathic physician within a radius of one hundred miles from his town, and that he was on his last legs. He said that he felt like turning his diploma with the face forward the wall because of the indignity thus brought upon his Alma Mater. To-day the number of homeopathic physicians within a radius of one hundred miles from this town has increased over three thousand two hundred per cent., and it is far from being a populous community.

Ever since Homeopathy was promulgated it has been declared either dead or dying, but somehow or other, like Banquo's ghost, it will not down.

During the last two decades of the nineteenth century the growth of Homeopathy has been commensurate with that of any previous period. Let us compare briefly the status of the school in 1880 and in 1900:

In 1880 there was one national homeopathic body; in 1900, ten.

In 1880 there were twenty-three State societies; in 1900, thirty-four.

In 1880 there were ninety-nine local societies and homeopathic clubs; in 1900, one hundred and fifty.

In 1880 there were eleven homeopathic colleges; in 1900, twenty-two.

In 1880 there were sixteen homeopathic journals; in 1900, thirty-three.

In 1880 there were thirty-eight general homeopathic hospitals; in 1900, seventy-six.

In 1880 there were thirty dispensaries; in 1900, sixty-three.

In addition to this there are about two hundred and fifty private hospitals and sanitariums devoted to the treatment of patients by the homeopathic method.—Med. Century.

HINTS.

A few doses of *Arsenicum* will, it is said, prevent the grippe, acting as a prophylactic.

Snuffing a little *Hamamelis* extract up the nose will stop nose bleed.

When any ailment has very marked periodicity, coming on regularly at a fixed time, *Cedron* is probably the remedy needed.

"What will cure a wen?" *Benzoic acid* internally and anoint with *Benzoic acid ointment or cerate*. *Baryta Carb.* 6 internally has also been recommended. Also, by Dr. Stacy Jones, paint the wen with *Collodion*.

Good water tastes bad, and is apt to be vomited, *Silicea*.

Hardness of hearing in elderly persons is sometimes relieved by *Petroseum* 30th.

When a child frequently scratches its face, even to making it bleed, *Mezereum* 30 may give relief.

When the face is either very much flushed or very pale, alternating, *Belladonna* 3 is needed.

An abnormally cold nose indicates *Arnica* 3.

Yellow cast, yellow spots on face, *Sepia*.

When the lips or any orifices of the body are abnormally red, especially in children, it is a call for *Sulphur* 30.

Pimples and boils that are unusually painful to the touch may be remedied by *Hepar Sulph.* 3.

Gums swollen, red, spongy, and bleeding need *Mercurius* 6.

Creeping sensation in soles of feet, *Sepia*.

Cramp in calves, *Cuprum*. If occurring in diarrhoea, *Veratrum alb.*—Homeop. Envoy.

MY EXPERIENCE WITH HOMOEOPATHY.

When a child I had inflammation of the bowels and was given up to die by an allopathic physician. A homeopathic physician was called in as a last resort; his remedies restored me to health. In the '60's when diphtheria raged so extensively in New England I was taken with that disease in its worst form.

Most every person died with it under old school treatment. My father went for an old school doctor; but fortunately for me, he was away from home and a homeopath took charge of me. Under his treatment I was restored to health. I afterward studied Homeopathy with him (one of the best doctors of that school in Maine, long since passed over the "great divide"). He taught me a good deal of the provings of homeopathic remedies. That has been a great help to me in understanding the true therapeutic value of such remedies as *Aconite*, *Belladonna*, *Bryonia*, *Chamomilla*, etc. I would advise any doctor who wants to understand the real nature of the remedies of that school in combating diseases to study well the provings of the principal remedies of their *Materia Medica*. In the 80's I had catarrh of the stomach and bowels, with a deathly sickness to my stomach day and night, constant watery discharges from the bowels, ordinary remedies had no good effect. While in a homeopathic pharmacy in Providence, R. I., I talked with the manager about my case; he prescribed *Nux vomica* the 6th decimal dilution, in pellets. I took twelve three times a day; in a month I was cured. One little book has been a great help to me "*Sixteen Principal Homeopathic Remedies*," published by Boericke & Tafel. I wish every old school doctor would study that book and use the remedies as indicated. I know it would make him think kindly of Homeopathy. It would surprise him to see how much can be accomplished with a few remedies. From the knowledge gained from that little book I have saved many lives, after other doctors had failed to help them.

I am not a homeopathic physician, but I believe in "giving honor to whom honor is due." For the above reason I shall always feel kindly toward the homeopathic school of medicine. I have seen it developed in the past thirty-five years into one of the strongest paths in the world. May it always retain its individuality as a school of medicine.

—Ell G. Jones, M.D., Dartmouth, '71.
New Brunswick, N. J.

STERILIZED MILK.

If milk is bought from the average dairy, it is rarely less than from twenty-four to forty-eight hours old. Such milk certainly requires Pasteurizing or sterilizing if we are compelled to use it for the feeding of infants. It must not be supposed that sterilizing or Pasteurizing milk which is contaminated with either pathogenic or non-pathogenic, bacteria will alter its quality, for we cannot convert an unhealthful milk into a healthful milk by any steaming process yet devised. Toxins contained in milk, and which are always elaborated by microorganisms, cannot be destroyed even by subjecting the milk to a temperature of 300 degrees F.

Public benefactors commence at the wrong end when they seek to convert milk contaminated with bacteria into a sterile fluid by steaming the same. What is gained by means of the boiling or steaming of the milk is simply the destruction of a large number of bacteria. It is impossible to destroy all microorganisms unless the milk is subjected to Tyndallization, which really means renewing the sterilization on three successive days for a given time. That this is impractical and next to impossible is at once apparent.

Objections to sterilized or steamed milk consist in the fact that the heated milk has undergone chemical changes. The latter are chiefly found in the casein, which is rendered much more indigestible when heated. All heated milk has a tendency to constipate, and it is only necessary to compare the stools of two children—one child being fed on raw milk, the other on heated milk. It will be found that the digestion of the raw-milk baby will be far greater than that of the steamed-milk baby. In other words, the stool of a baby fed on raw milk will be of a more homogeneous consistency than that of the other baby fed on sterilized or Pasteurized milk.

The greatest objection to feeding with sterilized milk consists in the fact that the majority of such children offer a greater tendency to the development of scurvy and rickets. Milk that is steamed or boiled lacks the element of freshness, which we know will produce scurvy, the same as happens when an adult is deprived of fresh meat and green vegetables.—From Therap. Gazette.

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING.

An old writer says: "When men live in houses of reed, they had constitutions of oak; when they lived in houses of oak, they had constitutions of reeds." This is a very fine, picturesque description of the injury which may come to us from fine houses too closely sealed to keep out the fresh air, and too heavily curtained, preventing the entrance of sunshine, which is almost or quite as important as air. But it is not at all necessary to have our fine houses unhealthful, and it only requires intelligence and thoughtfulness to render a house of oak as promotent of health as a cabin. Fresh air will come into a well-ventilated oaken house as well as through the open cracks in a house of reeds and sunlight through a window in a palace as well as in a hovel.—Health.

DISINFECTANTS.

To secure perfect disinfection, the following regulations have been adopted by the Department of Health of this city:

All cracks or crevices in rooms to be disinfected must be sealed or caulked, to prevent the escape of the disinfectant.

The following named disinfectants may be used in the quantities named:

Sulphur, four pounds for every one thousand cubic feet, eight hours exposure.

Formalin, six ounces for every one thousand cubic feet, four hours exposure.

Paraform, one gr. to every cubic foot, six hours exposure.

Carbolic acid, two per cent. to five per cent. solution, and bichloride of mercury, one one-thousandth, may be used for disinfecting solutions.—Ex.

HOSPITAL WANTS.

A Christmas Dinner.

Five subscriptions of \$250 each.

So we may get the five already promised.

Funds for building of a diet kitchen.

Subscriptions to Nurses' Home Fund.

A fire proof safe to put all this money in.

A stationary clothes boiler for laundry.

Flour, butter, eggs, sugar.

Your counsel, sympathy, and practical assistance for 1905.

PRETTY SCENES AT HOMEO-PATHIC BAZAAR.

Windsor Hall on Saturday, presented a very pretty scene during the Homeopathic Hospital Bazaar. The booths in general were tastefully decorated, a couple of them being quite unique. Under a large Japanese umbrella, six young ladies in kimono and obi, sat upon cushions and looked especially attractive.

The home made candy stall was a thatched Irish cottage, with a charming Irish colleen, in native costume, in charge of it. Sheaves of barley, with corn flowers and poppy, decorated this spot from the Green Isle. At the lemonade booth, bright young Dutch maidens dispensed lemonade from the interior of a Dutch tower and windmill.

A novelty at the fancy work booth was a lottery of a General Accident Policy, for \$1,000 for one year, in the Maryland and Casualty Company.

A suitable touch in a hospital bazaar was the Doctor's Mystery Garden as well as the array of healthful pine cushions and medicine cases at the next tables. A comprehensive display of toys was made by Messrs. Scroggie.

The ladies of the committee who worked so industriously to prepare the bazaar, were Mrs. J. T. Hagar, president; Mrs. Dr. Morgan, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Sutherland-Taylor, treasurer; Mrs. C. T. Williams, secretary.—Montreal Star.

Never feed a babe except at regular intervals of from two to three hours apart. When a child is fretful and cries, aside from the times for its nourishment, it indicates suffering or distress of some kind, and the cause should be looked for at once. At such times food should not be forced on the child, but a few spoonfuls of cold water will often be taken greedily, and will give prompt relief.

The annual returns of the British registrar-general show a steady increase in mortality from anesthesia since 1863. Dr. A. D. Waller, of the University of London, says that deaths due to chloroform, the popular anesthetic in England, are caused by too much concentration of the inhaled vapor. A pump, invented by Dr. Dubois, of Ivous, has proven itself especially effective in anesthetizing animals, and has been tried on humans to some extent with entirely satisfactory results.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND CASH DONATIONS IN NOVEMBER.

The hospital treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following:—

St. Lawrence Lodge A. F.	
& A. M. No. 640 E. R.	
(Special jubilee donation).....	\$50.00
S. Carsley Co. Ltd.	20.00
American Presbyterian Church.	
(Thanksgiving collection)	17.50
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Jas. A. Taylor, Esq.....	10.00
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R. H. Fulton, Esq	2.00
Mr. Henry	2.00
Mrs. C. W. Batho	1.00
A. G. H.	1.00
Mrs. J. T. Hagar (Thanks-	
giving dinner)	1.00
Mrs. Jas. Baylis (Thanks-	
giving dinner)	1.00
	\$197.50

DONATIONS IN NOVEMBER.

The Lady Superintendent acknowledges with thanks the following:

Mr. and Mrs. John Fee.—1 bbl. sugar.
 Mrs. G. S. Brush.—1 bbl. apples.
 Jas. M. Aird.—1 bbl. apples.
 Mrs. J. T. Hagar—2 baskets apples.
 Mrs. S. C. Matthews.—Preserves and pickles.
 John Lovell & Son.—1 City directory.
 Mrs. Fraser.—Magazines.

Omitted in previous acknowledgments, Miss M. Robertson.—Catsup, Rhubarb, 1 boiler, 1 mirror, 2 pictures (for Nurses' Home).



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TREASURER'S REPORT.

BALANCE SHEET.

Month of October, 1904.

Nov. 1st 1903 to Oct. 31st, 1904.
Receipts—

CASH STATEMENT.

Receipts—	
Cash on hand Oct. 1st ...	\$130.34
Received from patients during month	\$12.25
Special nursing fees	36.00
Subscriptions	127.50
Dispensary	1.95
Nurses' Home fund on account of loan	36.50
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	\$1,144.54
Expenditure—	
Salaries and wages	\$232.80
Groceries and provisions (from petty cash account)..	16.74
General expenses (from petty cash account)	4.36
Medical and Surgical supplies (from petty cash account) ..	78.33
Repairs (from petty cash account)	3.10
Commission to collector (from petty cash account)	12.75
Furnishings	144.39
Lighting and gas stoves	48.77
Insurance	12.00
Property deed	17.80
Sundry accounts paid	377.51
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	\$948.55

Interest Jubilee Endowment fund	\$ 480.00
Bank interest	9.62
Governors' fees	70.00
Subscriptions	965.89
Patients' fees	10,519.75
Nurses' fees	47.25
Dispensary fees	22.37
Woman's Auxilliary	59.09
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	\$12,173.97

Expenditure—	
Cash	\$ 195.99
Groceries and provisions ...	4,027.33
Medical and surgical supplies	1,849.64
Insurance	60.00
Salaries and wages	2,652.50
Light and fuel	1,171.67
Bank of Montreal	293.85
Nurses' Home Fund	56.49
Laundry	145.31
General expenses	431.43
Furnishings	359.92
Repairs	956.13
Mrs. Phillips' interest annuity	450.00
Revenue and expenditure	853.15
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	\$13,503.41

Outstanding accounts partially or in whole liquidated leaving apparent debit balance

	1,329.44
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Balance

	\$155.99
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Memorandum—

Accounts owing Oct 31st ...	\$1,303.43
Add.—Groceries and provisions for month	328.19
Medical and Surgical supplies for month	95.02
Furniture and fittings for month	55.25
Laundry	14.61
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	\$1,796.50
Less.—Sundry accounts paid	377.51
Accounts paid and charged to different house accounts	89.55
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	\$467.06
Balance per balance sheet ..	\$1,329.44

HOMEOPATHY DEFENDED.

Dr. E. R. Paillon, of St. Louis, writes a strong communication to American Medicine on the achievements of Homeopathy giving credit to the system for abolishing nauseous drugs and polypharmacy, bleeding, and showing that Hahnemann was one hundred years in advance of Professor Schmiedeberg and other German investigators of to-day who are advocating the testing of drugs on the human body instead of on dogs, rabbits and guinea pigs. He also shows that Homeopathy is a specialty in therapeutics, and that the allopaths are not averse to appropriating bits of Homeopathy without any credit, and makes the statement that Homeopaths do not permit the "detail men" of pharmaceutical houses to do nine-tenths of their prescribing. The editor of American Medicine in an editorial note commenting on the communication naturally denies everything, and claims everything, but in a rather weak-kneed and insecure manner, contenting himself with throwing a few shots into the alleged polypharmacy of our own school. It is a "regular" Goulesque comment.

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HOSPITAL NOTES.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

ALTHOUGH busy in the hospital there will be time enough taken to enjoy the Christmas dinner.

THE TENTH annual bazaar, held on Dec. 10th, was by all odds the prettiest of any held this or any other season.

THIS ISSUE finishes vol. IX of the Record. We want your subscription renewal and personal help to enable us to double our circulation and still further extend the advertisement of the hospital and homeopathy. Put this in your New Year resolutions.

THE REPORT of the Treasurer for the past 12 months published in another column of this issue shows the receipts from patients fees at \$10,519.75. In 1903 the revenue from the same source was \$9,266.69 and in 1903 the sum of \$6,868.43 is credited under this head.

WHEN the purchase of the Nurses' Home property was decided upon last spring, an offer was made by a governor present at the meeting of \$250.00 conditional upon nine subscriptions of a like amount being obtained. Another governor present offered to become the second subscriber. Since that time we have been enabled to get three more like offers, making five in all. We would like to celebrate our New Year by the addition of this \$2,500 to this fund thus enabling us to cancel the debt on the property. You needn't hesitate because you cannot afford \$250.00. Get your friends to help make up the sum and send it under a significant collective name.

THE ANNUAL meeting of the Homeopathic Association was held Dec. 5th and was the best attended one of recent years. Minutes of the last annual and special meeting were read and confirmed. Reports from Treasurer and Secretary were presented, showing a more encouraging condition of affairs and brighter prospects for the coming year.

A resolution was offered and passed authorizing the transfer of all the Association's property to the newly incorporated hospital, with instructions to the President and Secretary to sign the necessary deeds and transfers, when such had been prepared by the hospital's notaries. The hospital to bear all cost of transfer, etc.

The question of opening a dispensary in a more populous portion of the city under the auspices of the Association, was discussed favorably and finally left to the Secretary to prepare a memorandum on the subject for presentation at a future meeting.

The election of officers resulted in the return of all the old board, and five new governors were elected to represent the Association on the hospital board after which the meeting adjourned.

THE REGULAR monthly meeting of the Committee of Management was held on Monday, Nov. 28th. Attendance was very good and much interest manifested. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the sub-committee in charge of negotiations between our hospital and the Montreal General Hospital in regard to the Callow property reported that the matter was progressing about as favorably as could be expected, being now in the hands of the lawyers for adjudication of title. Inquiry would be made and progress reported at next meeting.

The report of the Lady Superintendent showed great activity in the hospital's work, a feature of the report being that the number of public patients then being cared for equalled the total of that of all other classes. The domestic side of the hospital was satisfactory, except the laundry portion, which was sadly in need of better facilities.

A letter was read from J. W. Hughes, Esq., forwarding \$50.00 on behalf of St. Lawrence Lodge, A.F. & A.M. for the purpose of purchasing a skeleton for use in the Nurses' lectures. A vote of thanks for the generous gift was passed and the secretary instructed to forward it through Mr. Hughes. A suitably inscribed plate was ordered to be placed on the case.

A discussion was held over the proposed \$2,500.00 subscription to the Nurses' Home Fund by means of ten \$250.00 subscriptions, and a sub-committee named to confer with the Woman's Auxiliary to take measures for the carrying out of the work.

The question of opening a door on ground floor between the main building and new wards in the Maternity Annex was deferred for the present, as was also the erection of a diet kitchen on the roof, the chief reasons being lateness of season and lack of funds.

The Woman's Auxiliary was requested to send a report of their expenditure for the year on behalf of the hospital so that due credit might be given them on the hospital books. The

ladies were also requested to forward the names of five elective governors from their Auxiliary to seats on the hospital board.

After passage of the usual requisition list and approving of the presented accounts the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be the last of this committee at which discussion of reports to be presented to the annual meeting of the Hospital Board of Governors will be brought forward.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, OCT 19TH TO NOV. 16TH, 1904.

Receipts—

Miss A. P. Moodie (towards rent No. 46)	50.00
Mrs. J. R. Baker (Aux. fee)	2.00

Disbursements—

W. L. Maltby (Rent No. 46 2 quarters)	160.00
Hodgson, Sumner & Co. account	15.44
Wm. Crawford & Son account	24.00
Stewart, Martel Co. account	11.53
W. H. Scroggie Co. account	6.99
Jas. A. Ogilvy & Son account..	36.00

\$253.96

PHILLIPS' TRAINING SCHOOL NOTES.

Nurses McLeod and Lloyd-Jones were off duty, on the sick list last month.

Misses Keating, '00, Routhier and Scott, '03, have returned from their summer rambles and again taken up professional work.

Miss Egan '96 has returned with a patient from a three months sojourn at Saratoga Springs.

Miss Trench '02, was on special duty in the hospital, the early part of this month.

Attendance at Nurses' lectures has been better this session than ever before.

Through the generosity of the members of St. Lawrence Masonic Lodge the nurses will have a skeleton in their own cupboard for the Anatomy lectures.

With the graduation of Miss de la Ronde, who left the hospital last month ends the old form of diploma. Next year graduates will receive the diploma of the incorporated hospital.

HOSPITAL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER.

Number of patients in the hospital November 1	19
Admitted—	
Private patients	20
Semi-private patients	13
Public patients	11
Maternity	2
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46	
Discharged—	
Private patients	23
Semi-private patients	13
Public patients	4
Maternity	2
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42	
Died	0
Operations	16
Number of days of private nursing outside	15
Number of days of private nursing in hospital	4
Remaining in hospital Dec. 1....	23
Viz.:	
Private patients	7
Semi-private patients	5
Public patients	10
Maternity	1
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It is stated that an enterprising chemist of London, England, rents one-quarter grain of radium bromide to practitioners at two shillings and sixpence an hour.

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Under the heading "A True Story," the Denver Medical Times tells the following:

"In the city of Denver there lives an old veteran with a wooden leg. One of his neighbors is a female 'Christian Scientist,' who is de facto a 'healer.' She had remarked the old man's imperfect gait, and at once set about on the sly to effect a cure, à la Mrs. Eddy: 'No such thing as a leg; hence, no such thing as a limp. Avaunt, limp, thou delusion of mortal mind!'"

"What was the healer's joyful surprise, a few mornings later, when she beheld our militant friend passing by with scarcely a sign of a limp. She eagerly hailed him on his return and said: 'Oh, my dear Mr. Blank, I have been constantly thinking and praying for your recovery, and it appears that my prayers have been answered. Now, what do you think of Christian Science?'"

"The old warrior, stared, reddened, grinned and replied: 'Wal, marm, you see my old wooden leg was mighty wabby, but this new piece o' timber that I got yesterday goes a damsite better.'"

It is in favor of the Christian Scientist that she gave her professional services free, at any rate.

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