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WHICH WAY?

A recent newspaper article on the death of Washington describes how he was deliberately murdered by being bled, no less than four times, then having calomel and tartar emetic administered, and Spanish fly blisters applied to his throat and legs, the whole process lasting from seven o'clock in the morning until ten o'clock at night, when the end came. This happened 96 years ago, and the above treatment was considered highly scientific, and was in common use by the profession of that and later periods, which many of the present day have vivid recollection of and are prepared to vouch for the thoroughness used in its application.

Such treatment would not be thought of at the present day, and to Hahnemann and homœopathy are due the credit of having wrought a radical change in the healing art, casting out empiricism and replacing the lancet scepter with that alpha of fever remedies, aconite. The change is graphically described by one of homœopathy's ablest physicians in the words "The click of the trigger lancet is heard no more, the blood bowl has vanished, the slimy leech has disappeared, the cup is broken, the seton is unheard of, the actual cautery is consigned to the lowest

depths of oblivion, the blister only rarely obtrudes its unwelcome presence, the patient—exhausted by disease—is not still further exhausted by the rude and crude and violent methods of fifty years ago."

Among the many benefits homœopathy has brought to mankind, this mitigating the evils of treatment of disease will ever recommend it to the suffering as well as to those kindly disposed towards their fellows. As announced by Hahnemann a century ago, homœopathy cures the patient in the speediest, safest, and easiest manner, as opposed to harsh measures, and setting the difference between power and violence in regard to the action of drugs in a new and clear light. That the system and the propositions it puts forth are true is clearly established even by its opponents, whose efforts in making their therapeutics conform to the law of similars are daily becoming more apparent, though they refuse to recognize the source of their inspiration.

Contrast the position of that masterpiece of Hahnemann's genius, the *Organon*, with that of the so-called standard works on therapeutics of allopathy, of say, ten years ago. To-day the *Organon* is one of the best selling medical books published, though the principles and teachings are the same as contained in the first edition of 1810, while the old school text book of ten years ago is regarded as a curio and its teachings alluded to with jocularly or incredulity. Men are keen in search of truth and knowledge, and no amount of sentiment will make them buy old books, did they not find their quest: nor

would the Organon be translated into French, Spanish, Russian, Swedish, Hungarian, Italian, English and Bengali some thirty editions in all, did it not possess the elements of reason and truth. Contrast also the numerous "fads" and "discoveries" of the old school with the unchanging therapeutic law of similars and explain why Homœopathy shows a steadily increasing successful career of 100 years duration, while not one of the "discoveries" has flourished half as many months.

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, MONTREAL
HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.**

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Feb. 28th to Oct. 31st., 1894.

Dr.	
To subscriptions and donations.....	\$2 873.65
" 3 patients in October	14.00
Total.....	\$2,887.65

Cr.	
Expenditure for furnishing and incident- als for opening the hospital.....	2 148.18
Balance on hand Nov. 1st., 1894.....	739.48

**Report of Treasurer of W.A.M.H.H.
for year ending Oct. 31st., 1895 :**

Dr.	
To cash on hand Nov. 1st., 1894	739.48
" cash donations and sub.....	1,071.18
" from patients	1 154.59
" Oriental entertainments.....	635.95
" Miss Thompson's lectures.....	65.50
" for supplies to nurses.....	24.00
" from bank interest	2.24
" " Treas. H. Association.....	163.97
Total.....	3,868.72

Cr.	
By amt. paid in wages	1,106.76
" " " for food supplies.....	1,047.24
" " " med. and surg.....	548.37
" " " laundry.....	194.50
" " " furnishing	149.47
" " " Rent of room.....	87.00
" " " gas	73.00
" " " repairs	77.16
" " " printing	27.72
" " " ice	5.00
" " " fee to Nat. C.....	2.00
Balance on hand Nov. 1st., 1895.....	152.62
Total.....	3,868.72

**Report of Treasurer W. A. M. H. H.
for Nov. 1895 :**

Dr.	
To cash on hand Nov. 1st	152.62
" received from donations and sub.....	100.78
" " " patients	212.59
" " " Treas. of Ass.....	80.00
Total.....	545.99

Cr.	
By amt. paid in wages.....	88.00
" " " for food supplies.....	92.14
" " " med. and surg	143.94
" " " laundry.....	17.28
" " " furnishing.....	11.61
" " " rent of rooms.....	26.16
" " " gas.....	—
" " " repairs.....	—
" " " printing.....	—

Total expenses paid.....	379.94
Cash on hand Dec. 1st.....	165.94
Total.....	545.90

**Report of Treasurer W. A. M. H. H.
for December, 1895 :**

Dr.	
To cash on hand.....	165.94
To donations and sub.....	70.38
To patients	187.50
To entertainments	600.36
To Homœopathic Messenger	12.25
Total.....	1,036.43

Cr.	
By salaries and wages.....	97.00
By food supplies.....	272.44
By med. and surg	117.50
By laundry	31.51
By furnishings	40.13
By rent of rooms	11.40
By repairs.....	43.37
By printing75
By ice	19.00
By cooking lessons, nurses	9.00
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1896	391.33
Total.....	1,036.43

**Report of Treasurer W. A. M. H. H.
for Jan., 1896 :**

Dr.	
To cash on hand.....	391.33
To interest bank	9.10
To donations and sub.....	2.00
To patients	58.50
To bazaar	8.25
To nurses' supplies	10.80
Total.....	482.98

Cr.	
By salaries and wages.....	92.50
By food supplies	90.38
By med. and surg	12.17
By laundry	44.05
By furnishings	59.45
By rent of rooms	11.40
By repairs	13.10
By nurses supplies	10.80
Cash on hand Feb. 1st.....	149.13
Total.....	482.98

**Report of Treasurer of W. A. M. H. H.
for Feb., 1896 :**

Dr.	
To cash on hand Feb. 1st.....	149.13
" from donations and sub.....	82.05
" " " patients	144.00
" " " bazaar25
Total.....	375.43

Cr.	
By wages paid	95.00
By amount paid for food supplies.....	2.00
" " " med and surg	—

"	"	"	laundry	—	
"	"	"	furnishings45	
"	"	"	rent	11.40	
"	"	"	repairs60	
"	"	"	gas	55.18	
					<u>165.83</u>
Balance on hand	March 1st.				209.60
					<u>375.43</u>

MARY VAN HORNE,
Treas. W. A. M. H. H.

Unpaid bills amounting to	240.53
Wages	98.00
	<u>338.53</u>

QUARTERLY REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

This committee has held its monthly meeting as usual, at the first meeting of the year, the officers were re-elected, viz. President Samuel Bell; Vice-Presidents Jas. A. Ogilvy, and James Baylis; Secretary Miss M. E. Baylis. The Medical Superintendent's regular reports has been received and are full and satisfactory; monthly reports have been received from the Woman's Auxiliary, and the Lady Superintendent, keeping the committee in touch with the medical and household affairs of the hospital.

The last report of the Woman's Auxiliary announces the resignation of Miss White, Lady Superintendent, and that a successor is being sought for. The attention of the Governors is called to the desirability of so amending the by-laws, as to enable the Woman's Auxiliary, if necessary, to appoint a house-keeper or matron, and a head nurse to fulfil the duties now performed by the Lady Superintendent, and to do away with that office. The arranging of the out door medical staff in connection with the dispensary, as proposed at a previous meeting is brought to the attention of the Governors for settlement. The Dispensary has been granted permission to use the Board Room until the new quarters are finished, continuing under the direction of the existing staff for the time being. The furnishing of four of the new private wards has been promised, leaving only two private wards and the house physician's room to be provided for, which it is hoped will also have been furnished by the opening day.

The question of finance becomes the most vital one at present and the committee urges that some means be devised to secure annual subscribers of small, as well as large amounts towards the running expenses. As the hot season ap-

proaches, when many leave town, the recourses are curtailed, making a strenuous effort now all the more necessary.

As an incentive to the Governors to be up and doing, the following figures from the report of the Woman's Auxiliary from the opening of the hospital to the present date is submitted, showing the amount of money raised.

Amount received by collections and contributions.....	\$3079.27
Amount received by entertainments.....	1257.31

Making a total of..... \$4336.58

This is exclusive of fees contributed by private patients shows how much the hospital is indebted to the Woman's Auxiliary. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Samuel Bell, President.
M. E. Baylis, Secy

DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH.

Mrs. H. Smith, magazines; R. Hy. Holland, three weather thermometers; Mrs. N. O. Krause, jar fruit; Mrs. Patton, magazines; Mrs. W. E. Phillips; 2 packages each tea, coffee, peas, beans, brooms, mince meat, soap; Chapman's book store, floral calendar; Mrs. Geo. Starke, bottle catsup, pot jelly; Mrs. S. M. Baylis, oranges every week; Mrs. Loy-nachan, bowl lemon jelly; Mrs. Hack-born, jar fruit for nurses; a friend, marmalade for nurses; Mrs. Pangborn, cake; Mr. Arnold, 2 glass moltoes; Mrs. Cook; cake for nurses; Miss Jessie Dow, choice of \$20 worth clothing at the Industrial rooms.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED DURING FEBRUARY FOR THE HOSPITAL.

Mrs. John Gault	\$ 3.00
Mrs. Watson	2 00
Mrs. Andrew Wilson	10 00
Miss Macculloch	2 00
Mrs. Gould	2 00
Mrs. Mackenzie	2 00
Miss Mackenzie	2 00
Mr. Gordon Mackenzie	2 00
Mrs. James Baylis	2 00
Miss Van Horne	2 00
Miss A. Van Horne	2 00
Mr. Alexander Clerk	50 00
Donation	1 65
Total	<u>\$82.05</u>

HOSPITAL NOTES.

OLD LINES, and old white cotton are needed at the hospital.

Do not forget in putting up marmalade and fruit, to set aside a jar or two for the hospital.

SEND IN the amount of your subscription to the building extension fund, it will help to meet the contractor's bills.

THE NAME of this paper does not suit parties interested, who wish a change, suggestions for a name are desired, send yours in.

THE WEEKLY donation basket will be allotted to any lady, who will send a date for it, to the hospital. The articles forming it to be left to her own choice

THIS ISSUE presents the financial side of the hospital and association. It will be observed that money is required to run the institution, so let it be forthcoming.

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.

DR. GRIFFITH reports being called in to see a child who had fallen from a third story window. Upon asking the mother what she had done for it, she replied, "gave it a dose of castor oil."

THE plastering of the new building is finished, the doors and windows have been put in, the heating and lighting apparatus completed, and the painters have begun the finishing touches.

IF YOU cannot furnish a whole room, or cannot get some friends to join you, send in what you are able to, if it be only a chair, a framed etching, a hot water bottle, a pair of pillow-shams, or a chamber set.

THE resignation of Miss White the Lady Superintendent has been received and accepted by the Woman's Auxiliary. Miss E. Kisbey will temporarily discharge the duties of matron, until Miss White's successor is appointed.

THE FURNISHING of four of the new private wards is already provided for. There are still two wards and the house doctor's room to be furnished. Will some kind friends see that these rooms are in line on opening day.

THE TRAINING school lectures for March, were delivered by Dr. T. Scott Nichol, on infectious diseases, Dr. E. M. Morgan, will lecture on care of eye or ear during the first half of April, and Dr. E. A. Grafton on Physiology during the latter part of the month.

THE Woman's Auxiliary is arranging for an afternoon tea and sale of inexpensive fancy articles, at the opening of the new wing, about the fifteenth of April, if the building is ready. Articles to be sent as soon as completed, to Mrs. Von Rappard, 24 Shuter St.

AS A MEANS of facilitating the raising of money to meet the expense of hospital maintenance, it has been suggested to divide the city into districts, giving supervision of each district to two or more members of the Woman's Auxiliary. The supervisors to see to the appointment of collectors, and to be responsible for the thorough canvassing of their districts.

AS WILL be seen by the treasurer's statement nearly \$2,000 is yet required in aid of the building fund, so that the new building may be opened free of debt. Of this sum \$1,100, has been promised, leaving \$900 to be provided for. A little extra exertion would soon realize this amount and if you have not already subscribed to, or have not given all you desire to, do not miss this opportunity of placing yourself on record as a subscriber to the first Homœopathic Hospital in the Province of Quebec.

FOR THE opening of the new extension the ladies are arranging for a *doll's show* and will be glad to hear from any lady willing to lend her old favorite doll for this occasion. Youth and beauty not necessary to admit a doll to this collection. Any doll's articles, antique, or uncount will also have a place in this exhibition, which can be made interesting, historical and varied if friends will contribute. Dolls more modern will be for sale as well as those in national costumes if they can be secured.

THE NEED for outdoor nurses in connection with the hospital, for work among the poor, is becoming daily more apparent. Could not a fund be established, to pay for the services of one or two nurses, to do district visiting and emergency nursing under the direction of homœopathic physicians. The opportunity to establish a Visiting Nurse Association, similar to those in existence in most American cities, should be taken advantage of by Montreal homœopaths, thus keeping up their reputation for being first to take action in matters pertaining to the relief of suffering and sickness among the indigent.

Among the successful candidates, at the recent annual examinations for the position of interne in Cook County Hospital, Chicago, was Dr. Wm. M. Patton, brother

of Drs. H. M. and A. D. Patton of the Montreal Homœopathic Hospital staff, Dr. Patton is to be congratulated on obtaining this prize, as it is the best hospital appointment in America. Cook County Hospital contains 1,000 patients, exclusive of the Detention Hospital for the insane, or more patients by one third than all the hospitals of Montreal combined; and presents cases of every known form of medical and surgical disease. The term of service of each interne is eighteen months.

MONTREAL HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

TREASURER'S REPORT FROM NOV. 1. 1895 TO MARCH 12. 1896.

DR.

Received from subscriptions on account of buildings.....		\$3,210.00	
Transferred from Homœopathic Association.....	400.00		
Received from elective governors.....	15.00		
Transferred from Homœopathic Association.....	85.65		
			\$4 110.65

CR.

Loaned Woman's Auxiliary.....		\$30.00	
Extension building, water permit.....	\$5.65		
Extension building, paid contractors to date.....	3 100.00	3,105.65	
Account books, stationery, etc.....		6.40	
Six months, interest on donation.....		291.00	3 392.05

On hand March 12. 1896..... 718.60

MEMORANDUM OF LIABILITIES AND RESOURCES.

LIABILITIES.

Due to contractors..	\$5,990.00		
Less paid on account.	3 101.00	2,890.00	
Six months, interest on donation due July 1st.....		200.00	3 090.00

RESOURCES.

Cash on hand.....		718.60	
Subscriptions to building fund yet unpaid.....		1,175.00	
Due by Woman's Auxiliary.....		291.02	
Due by Homœopathic Association.....	309.64		2 494.26
Overplus of liabilities.....			\$595.74

E. G. O'CONNOR, Treasurer.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Governors was held in the Board Room on Thursday March 12th. Among those present were, Mrs. W. E. Phillips, Mrs. R. J. Evans, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. H. Watson, Miss Moolie, Miss Baylis,

Messrs Bell, Mathewson, Drs. Wanless, H. M. Patton, A. R. Griffith, A. D. Patton and Wm. McHarrie.

The meeting was called to order by President Samuel Bell, at 3.30, the minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary J. A. Mathewson, jr. and confirmed. Reports were received from the Committee of Management, and the hospital treasurer, notices of which appear elsewhere in these columns, a detailed statement of amounts paid each contractor on the new building was presented, and satisfaction expressed at the progress being made. Drs. E. A. Grafton, E. M. Morgan and T. Scott Nichol, were elected to the medical board, with positions on the new dispensary staff or out door department.

On a motion by Dr. H. M. Patton seconded by Dr. John Wanless, a committee was appointed to revise the by-laws to conform to existing conditions and facilitate the workings of the various departments; committee to report in two weeks. The members of this committee are, Mrs. C. Morton, Miss Van Horne, Miss M. E. Baylis, Messrs Samuel Bell, E. G. O'Connor, J. A. Mathewson jr, and Dr. H. M. Patton. The meeting was then adjourned until Thursday, March 26th at 3 p. m. to receive the report of the committee on by-law revision, and other business.

GOOD SENSE.

The following from the Terra Haute, Ind, *Journal of Materia Medica* is evidently written by one having the best interests of his patients at heart:

Editor Journal Materia Medica.

Dear Doctor,—I am sick of seeing men turn up their noses at something they do not try, or are incapable of understanding. Your editorial note in the June Journal is apt and to the point. Is it of any use, longer, to try to convince a so-called "gullible public" when the regulars have failed to cure and a homœopath is called in and cures, that there is "nothing in it," or that "it is a humbug?" The so-called public are not, in my opinion, fools. They argue about medicine as about business and politics. They are thinkers, and compare—success being their measure of merit.

Some of the best experiences I have ever had were with Tart. Emetic in 1-20 to 1-50 gr. doses in nausea. Bryonia 1-50, Ipecac 1-20 to 1-50, Hydrastin 1-20 to 1-50, etc. What are these diurnal granules, parvules, etc., but an approach to the infinitesimal? Many say, "the less medicine the better."

Personal experience with homœopathic treatment years ago taught me a very valuable lesson. Since then I have believed, though practicing under a different standard, that anything not possessing value was soon found out, and was by common consent buried.

When a system that has stood attack for a century, or more, still stands and flourishes, there must be something solid as a foundation. I am of opinion the day is not far distant when "Similia" will be taught in our regular colleges. In fact I am led to believe that any school which does not teach the dual properties of drugs and their action in both characters, is not considered strictly up to date, even now.

We are constantly learning. Something new is constantly turning up. Some valuable property of an old or new drug is being shown up. Is it safe for us to say we know all even of our own school?

Fraternity is the word. Let us learn, use and teach the best in all, of each and every system. Then we will have the respect of all.

Long may you wave, and God-speed the day when all physicians will be brethren, and work hand in hand. When there will be broader views.

more accurate knowledge and less nickel plate on brass.

Yours,

BEN. H. BRODNAX, M.D.

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