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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

The meetings have been held weekly during the past month. It is gratifying to note the steady progress that is being made in the work in the Hospital, as the reports from the various committees testify. A pleasing feature of the meeting held on June 30th was the presentation by the President, Mrs. Baldwin, on behalf of the ladies of the Board, of a handsome travelling-bag to Mrs. Sey on her retirement from the position of Matron of Grace Hospital, after which light refreshments were served and short speeches made, all expressive of the high esteem in which Mrs. Sey is held.

Through the generosity of the members of the Board and Associate members, a Jubilee treat of strawberries and ice cream was provided for the public patients and nurses.

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Universal regret is felt among every member of the staff and every employee at Grace Hospital that Mrs. Sey, who has been matron of that institution for the last five years, is leaving to-day to accept a similar position in Trinity College school, Port Hope. No more popular, efficient or esteemed charge d'affaires has ever presided over the department administered by her, and this was abundantly borne out by a most touching letter of regret from the Board of Management, accompanied by a handsome travelling-bag, with silver monogram. Every department of the Hospital showed its regret at her departure in some tangible form. The nurses presented her with a superb five o'clock tea-service and urn. The employees contributed a large silver fruit-dish, handsomely engraved, and the medical staff sent her a marble clock, and a letter expressing their sentiments of regret and esteem.

HOSPITAL REPORT.

Patients in June 1st.....	60
Born.....	11
Admitted.....	50
	121
Discharged.....	67
Deaths.....	..
Remaining in July 1st.....	54
	121

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 Mimico Asylum, wild flowers.
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TREASURER'S REPORT Y. L. A.

Receipts.....\$143 76

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WHAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW.

All who know and desire the benefits of the homoeopathic system of medicine, or art of healing, should acquaint themselves with the customs of the strict practitioners in order to avoid the deception of pretenders who are willing to imitate for diminutive fees, having no consideration for the patient nor the art of healing.

There are physicians who call themselves homoeopaths, but are so only in name, as they do not follow the methods worked out by Hahnemann. They give two medicines in one glass or alternate in two glasses, or in some cases give medicines in three or four glasses. They do not conform to Hahnemann's rules in taking the case and writing and preserving full records of the cases. The people who are unacquainted with these facts cannot protect themselves against such impositions. The false and the true pervade all experiences and conditions of life, and the unenlightened and simple suffer by the deceptions of the false. The time has come when the followers of Hahnemann should furnish information to the people in order that they may recognize the genuine if they desire the benefits of the homoeopathic art of healing.

It should be known, first of all, that true homoeopaths write out the symptoms of each and every patient, and preserve records for the benefit of such patient and the art of healing. A moment's thought must convince any person that human memory is too uncertain to be trusted with the long record of symptoms, even in a small practice; then how much more does the busy practitioner owe it to his patients to keep accurate records of their sicknesses? No physician is competent to make a second prescription if the symptoms upon which the first prescription was made have not been recorded with fullness and accuracy. Often in such a case the neglectful physician has forgotten the remedy given, even the one that has caused great improvement, but as there is no record of the case as to remedy or symptoms, and many of the latter have passed away, there is nothing to do but guess at a remedy, which generally spoils the case or so confuses it that the case seldom ends in a cure, and the sufferer always wonders why the doctor, who helped her so much at first, lost control of the case. Many cases that should end in perfect cure result in failure from the above

negligence. Under such circumstances, when the physician has made a bad guess, he goes on spoiling his case by guessing and changing remedies, to the disgust of the patient and injury to the art of healing. Such failure leads to the experimentation and temporizing which lead to disgrace. The people should be able to know whether a physician is what he calls himself, or is of another sect. The temptation is very strong to be "all things to all men."

The people should not expect to obtain homoeopathic results from a physician whose methods are not in accordance with the homoeopathic art of healing.

If a person wants mongrelism, regularism, polypharmacy, etc., by knowing the methods of the homoeopathist, he will be able to discriminate and select the kind of his preference, and it is reasonable to suppose that if he does not want a homoeopathist he will be glad to know how to shun him. Nothing is more humiliating to a Hahnemannian than to be called to the bedside and find that the people do not want him, but actually want one who gives medicine in two glasses, because some old family doctor did so. Therefore, this information is as useful to him who would avoid a homoeopathist as to him who desires one.

Homoeopathic patrons going abroad, and those far removed from their own physician, often ask for the address of a good Hahnemannian. Such address cannot always be given, yet there are many reserved, quiet Hahnemannian physicians scattered over the world, but they are sometimes hard to find. As far as possible, traveling homoeopathic patients should carry the address of Hahnemannians. In the absence of this, a test may serve the purpose. Go to the most likely man who professes to practice after the manner of Hahnemann and tell him you want to consult him; but unless he writes out all the symptoms of the case as directed by Hahnemann, and continues to keep a record for future use, you cannot trust your case with him, as you have learned to have no confidence in the memory of the man. If he refuses to do this because of lack of time or ignorance, he should not be trusted, and it is best to bid him "good day" at once. If he be what he professes to be, he will be delighted to find a patient that knows so much of his system of practice, and the patient and physician will become fast friends.

There is another matter that the people

should know about: that the homœopathic physician cannot prescribe on the name of a disease; also, that names are often the cover of human ignorance; also, that two sicknesses of the same name are seldom given the same remedy. If a physician could prescribe on a name there would be no necessity to write out the many pages of symptoms that some long cases present.

The name of the disease does not reveal the symptoms in any case of sickness; the symptoms are the sole basis of the prescription; therefore it will appear that the name is not necessarily known, but the symptoms must be known to the physician in order that he may make a successful prescription. It will now appear that if a physician has not the time to devote to the patient in order to secure the symptoms, he is likely to be just as useless to the patient as though he were ignorant, as he will, in either case, fail to procure the symptoms which are the only basis of a homœopathic prescription. A little thought will enable a patient to ascertain whether this work is being done with care and intelligence, or with ignorance, inexperience and laziness. It matters not

from what excuse, if the physician fails to ascertain all the general and particular information in a case, he should not be trusted, as this labor, well performed, renders the rest of the work easy and a cure possible.

The people should also know that when such a record is on paper it is in such form that the patient may become the object of great study. In no other form can a likeness of his sickness be presented to the understanding of the true physician. Any physician who sneers at this plan shows how little he values human life and how much he falls short of a Hahnemannian.

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