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### THEN AND NOW.

The anniversary of Hahnemann's birthday, April 11th, was the date chosen by the homœopathic profession, in various parts of the United States, as a fitting time to celebrate the centennial of homœopathy. Just 100 years ago, Hahnemann published his first treatise, relating his convictions, based on study, individual research, and experiment, carried on faithfully for fifteen years previously, and finally given to the world when their truth was incontrovertible. A century ago homœopathy had few if any adherents outside of its promulgator's own family, and was even received by them with incredulity. To-day, it is known, practiced, and sought after by people of all stations, in every civilized country, while the cooing of babes, the acclaim of children, the joyful gratitude of suffering men and women and the unexpressed yet evident thanks of the animal creation, proclaim its excellence throughout the length and breadth of the land.

The past century has seen many changes in the fortunes of Hahnemann and his followers. In 1820, persecution encouraged by interested prejudice, drove the master from Leipsic, where he was a professor of the university, to seek his livelihood and pursue his cal-

ling where he could. To-day one of the finest monuments in Leipsic's public squares is that of Samuel Hahnemann, and there is now being constructed a monument to cost \$75,000, to be erected in his honor in one of the public squares or parks of Washington. This work is being done by the physicians and patrons of the homœopathic school as a centennial testimonial to the most illustrious name in modern medicine, and will be a consummate work of art in that city of monuments.

A hundred years ago Hahnemann, his household and his writings, comprised the whole homœopathic profession, journals, hospitals, dispensaries and societies. To-day, according to the New York Medical Record, the best known journal of the old school and noted for its conservatism, there are in the United States alone, 143 homœopathic State societies, 112 homœopathic hospitals, 59 dispensaries, 35 homœopathic medical journals and 14,000 practitioners, graduates of 20 homœopathic colleges. In England a new homœopathic hospital has been opened which cost in its construction and appointments over a quarter of million of dollars. A law has been recently adopted in Mexico placing both schools on an equal footing, the result largely of the achievements of homœopathy in the family of President Diaz. Italy has also joined in the centennial celebration by the recent appointment of Dr. Cigliano to lecture on homœopathy in the University of Naples.

Montreal has also contributed nobly to the centennial celebration, and her monument to the master, in the form of the new hospital, new journal and in-

crease in professional ranks as well as large gain in number of adherents and patrons will ever compare favorably with those of bronze and marble. It is a far cry from Montreal homœopathy of 55 years ago represented solely by Dr. Fisher, to the handsome new \$20,000 hospital opened last month with its staff of physicians and nurses, appointments and equipments, second to none in the land. But the end is not yet, and Oliver Wendell Holmes' prediction of the funeral of homœopathy still lacks the chief necessity for such function.

### REMINISCENT HOMŒOPATHY.

ARTHUR FISHER, M.D., MONTREAL.

[Continued.]

Being in common honesty, unable to resist the evidence of its truth and value, there was nothing left for me to do but embrace homœopathy, which I did, continuing for some time to study it in the little hospital in Vienna, which was in charge of the Sisters of Mercy and contained only 40 beds. By the way, this hospital was only allowed to exist, by the paternal government, after the signal success of homœopathy in the treatment of Asiatic cholera.

Leaving Vienna, I studied the system still further in London, under Dr. Curie an eminent French homœopathist, and Dr. Ozan, in the Hatton Garden Dispensary, long before the great Ormond St. hospital lately rebuilt, was even thought of. Of my original Homœopathic "instigators," Dr. Drysdale settled in Liverpool, where he built up a large practice, and with the assistance of Dr. Hayward established a magnificent hospital. Before his death, which occurred recently, he published a treatise on sanitary house building, which is considered a standard work. Dr. Russell settled in Edinburgh and died there some time ago. Homœopathy does not pretend to prolong life indefinitely. At the time of my leaving England, all the homœopathic practitioners in Great Britain and Ireland could have been counted on the fingers of two hands, if not of one.

Arriving on this side of the Atlantic, before going home I visited Boston, New York and Philadelphia, in which places I made the acquaintance of the

pioneers of homœopathy in America, the greatest of them being Hering in Philadelphia. He was a pupil and friend of Hahnemann, lived to an advanced age and did great service to the cause. I kept up friendly relations with him until the time of his death. The number of homœopathic physicians then in the United States was about the same as that of Great Britain. It has however increased with vastly greater rapidity since that time.

Arriving in Montreal, where I may truly say homœopathy had hardly been heard of, I felt a delicacy in declaring my adhesion to what would have been considered quackery, as it afterwards was, and is even now by those ignorant of its virtues and scientific origin. Hence, I became known, simply as Dr. Fisher, but treated my patients with sugar of milk powders, in which the globules were crushed and in some cases gave also an eight ounce mixture of molasses and water. (It would be well if our allopathic confreres gave nothing more harmful.)

About this time, Dr. James Dick a young man of great promise, and originally a fellow student of mine, fell a victim to typhus. He was demonstrator of anatomy at McGill College, and his position was then offered to me, which would never have been done had the faculty known of my homœopathic tendencies. There being however, no difference between homœopathic and allopathic anatomy, I accepted the appointment, and officiated for two years, having for pupils some of the men who afterwards filled professorial chairs in the university, who were pleased to acknowledge to me the advantage they had derived from my teaching. At the end of this time, my practice having so increased that I could not do justice to it and my college duties I resigned the position. I may here remark, that I am the oldest representative of the medical faculty of McGill still living, all the men under whom I studied, and many more afterwards appointed, have passed away, while I like a gnarled oak of the forest still stand.

On assuming my collegiate duties, I performed in the presence of my class for the first time in Canada; perhaps in America, the operation for strabismus (tenotomy) which I had learned from its originator Prof. Diefenbach, of Berlin. The squint was divergent, the eyeball turning to the external angle of the orbit, an uncommon variety of squint and more conspicuous than the convergent. The operation was quite successful,

and wonderfully improved the appearance of the patient, who was otherwise quite a pretty girl. I thus established myself in the good graces and confidence of my pupils. I may here state that this operation was performed long before the days of anesthetics.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

## VERMONT STATE DENTAL SOCIETY

### MONTREAL CONVENTION.

“Dr. G. Lennox Curtis, of New York, described his experiences with cocaine, some of which were gruesome enough. He ascribed the gray hairs in his head to the narrow escapes of some of his patients through its use. In some cases what would be just right for one would bring another to death's door almost. He had found it safe to precede the use of cocaine by giving the patient the *homœopathic drug gelsuimium*. Cocaine was a poison; it was also a heart paralyzer; and it should be used with caution. Its character and effects should be studied; and there should be an intimate knowledge of its use before it was employed.”—*Witu ss.*

### EARLY SAW-BONES.

Hippocrates performed amputations, used forceps, adjusted fractures and operated on the leading organs for various lesions B. C. 400

Æsculapius practiced surgery among the Greeks and was deified after death B. C. 950.

The Pythagoreans began visiting the sick and prescribing for various ailments B. C. 520.

The Egyptian priests practiced amputations and made artificial legs and arms B. C. 700.

Remarkable advance was made in the science of medicine by Galen in 769.

### FOR THE EYES.

When the eyes ache close them for five minutes.

When they burn bathe them in water as hot as can be borne, with a dash of witch hazel in it.

After weeping bathe them in rose water and lay a towel wet in rose water over them for five minutes.

When they are bloodshot sleep more.

When the whites are yellow and the pupils dull consult your doctor about your diet.

### FEEDING PNEUMONIA PATIENTS.

The following rules, it is stated, may be laid down as to feeding pneumonia patients: 1. Give no solid food. 2. Let the food be simple and nutritious. 3. Give food at frequent intervals and in small quantities. 4. Let the patient have all the pure cold water and cooling drinks he may desire. 5. Solid food, given during convalescence, will often cause a relapse.—*Medical Summary.*

### OPENING DAY.

The opening of the new wing took place April 24th and 25th, and proved quite a success. Many of the friends of the hospital availed themselves of the opportunity to inspect the new premises, and expressions of approval were heard from many visitors of the cheerful appearance.

Although the work was not completed on all the building, the private rooms with their attractive furnishings were open and available for patients.

The dispensary had occupied its new and convenient rooms for some time, out-door patients being treated there daily from 12 to 1 o'clock. Besides the inspection of the building the Woman's Auxiliary had provided other attractions for opening day, as visitors found a cosy cup of tea or ice-cream could be obtained in the rooms usually devoted to more serious and less attractive dispensing.

The dining room was used for a sale of candy and useful and fancy articles. These being moderate in price were well patronized.

For several weeks diligent enquiries had been made for dolls of all kinds and conditions to be loaned for the Dolls' Show, which was on view in the Board Room. It was a surprise to the committee as well as their friends to find how generous had been the response to the requests, and that one hundred and forty dolls were on exhibition, the oldest being 67 years of age and well preserved.

That it was a good object lesson was demonstrated by the remarks of one little visitor, who thought “it was a good place for children to go to, to see how well the dolls were kept long ago”

A young lady was on hand to introduce each ancient or modern favorite, giving her family history, pleasing or pathetic as the case might be.

There were dolls for sale, dressed in correct costumes of other hospitals. A little poem which had been sent to the committee and printed, descriptive of some of the dolls, added by its sale to the funds, which amounted to over one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

## HOSPITAL NOTES.

**Remember the sick with flowers.**

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**Preserved** or fresh fruits for the nurses' table will be gratefully received.

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**Send in some** potted plants or vines for the verandahs, and hanging baskets for the hall windows.

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**If you cannot** bring or send your donations, just call up the hospital telephone 3837 and they will be attended to.

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**If your friends** should need the Homœopathic Hospital Ambulance remind them that the telephone number is 3020.

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**Any subscriber** failing to receive the MESSENGER regularly, please notify Mr. C. S. DeWitt at the hospital, by postal card to that effect.

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**Will any one** send a steamer-chair for each of the two verandahs, to be used by the patients when able to leave their beds for a little sunning in the open air.

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**The beauty of** the Burnside Place entrance is sadly marred, and the light and air of the basements seriously interfered with, by the brick wall, recently constructed.

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**In answer to** the appeal in the April MESSENGER, the furnishing committee received during the opening sale, from Major Evans, \$25, to furnish one of the ward kitchens.

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**The attention of** readers is called to the advertisements in this issue, representing as they do the best firms in the various lines, the names being synonyms for integrity of men and goods.

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**Dr. Wm. McHarrie** has removed his office to 53 Prince Arthur Street, his increasing practice requiring more commodious quarters. He has now one of the cosiest doctor's offices in the city.

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**As Miss Van Horne** the treasurer of the Woman's Auxiliary will be absent from town for some time, her place will be temporarily filled by Miss M. E. Baylis, 55 McGill College Avenue, to whom all subscriptions may be sent.

**As the furniture** on hand is distributed over the new building, the committee finds that a number of articles will have to be purchased, to meet all requirements, one item being roller shades, for all the windows alike.

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**Funds are needed** for the equipment of the hospital laboratory in order that thorough pathological examinations, chemical and urinary analyses may be made. This department is a most necessary one in the hospital as well as a valuable aid in the practical training of the nurses.

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**Drs. Grafton, Morgan and Scott Nichol**, have been added to the hospital staff, on dispensary service. The service is, Monday, Drs. Arthur D. Patton and T. Scott Nichol; Tuesday, Drs. Griffith and Morgan; Wednesday, Drs. H. M. Patton and Grafton; Thursday, Drs. McHarrie and T. Scott Nichol; Friday, Drs. W. G. Nichol and Morgan; Saturday, Drs. Wanless and Grafton. The doctors will be in attendance daily at 12 o'clock. Special clinics for diseases of children and diseases of the eye and ear will be arranged later.

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**The course of** lectures to the training school for nurses was completed last month, the junior examinations taking place in May. During the winter session the nurses attended 28 medical and surgical lectures, 25 lectures on nursing, and 12 cooking school lectures and demonstrations. The lecturers were Dr. H. M. Patton, Anatomy and Surgery; Dr. Wm. McHarrie, Practice of Medicine; Dr. Wm. G. Nichol, Hygiene; Dr. A. D. Patton, Materia Medica and Therapeutics; Dr. T. Scott Nichol, Infectious Diseases; Dr. E. M. Morgan, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat; Dr. E. Grafton, Physiology; and Miss G. White, Nursing.

#### DONATIONS FOR OPENING SALE AND DOLLS SHOW.

Alex. Clerk, Esq. ....	\$10.00
Mrs. Fisher .....	5.00
Mrs. McLachlan .....	5.00
Mr. J. T. Hagar .....	4.00
Mrs. H. Mackenzie .....	5.00
Mr. Rodden .....	1.00
Miss Macdonald .....	1.00

*Fancy work*—Miss Mamie Robertson, Miss Ross, Mrs. W. S. Paterson, Miss Annie Hill-Ridout, Mrs. Casimira Mariotte, Miss Adams, Mrs. H. Thomas, Mrs. Von Rappard, Mrs. W. E. Phillips, Miss McCulloch.

Tea—From the Crawford Tea Co.

Tea and coffee—J. A. Mathewson, Jr.

Cake, candy and ice cream—Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Dr. Griffith, Mrs. F. E. Grafton, Miss Ada Adams, Mrs. H. Thomas, Mrs. S. Bell, Mrs. F. H. Barr, Mrs. Von Rappard, Mrs. J. T. Hagar, Miss Workill, Miss Ferguson, Dettlefs, Hall and Scott, Jas. M. Aird, Chas. Alexander, Fred. B. Brown, Miss DeWitt, Miss Baylis, Miss Van Horne, Miss Nichol.

Cream—Loynachan & Ford.

Sandwiches—Mrs. Von Rappard.

Several donations for which the committee desires to express thanks, were sent in anonymously at the time of the sale. They also wish to heartily thank those who lent dolls or other articles which helped so materially to make the "Doll Show" a success.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED DURING APRIL.

Mrs. R. J. Evans .....	\$ 2 00
Mrs. A. O. Granger .....	10 00
Mrs. A. H. Plimsoll .....	2 00
Mrs. D. W. Ross .....	10 00
Miss Baylis .....	2 00
Presbyterian Mission .....	10 00
Mrs. Binks .....	2 00
Mrs. St. Denis .....	7 00
Mrs. S. T. Willitt .....	2 00
Mrs. MacParlane .....	1 00
Mrs. Bacon .....	2 00
Mrs. D. Williamson .....	2 00
G. Gordon Sullivan, Esq. ....	10 00
Mrs. Turnbull .....	1 00
Mrs. Sheffield .....	2 00
Mrs. James Williamson .....	15 00
Mrs. S. H. C. Miner .....	5 00
Major Evans, for furnishing ward kitchen..	25 00
Allowed on a bill .....	11
Total .....	\$110 11

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY, MONTREAL  
HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

TREASURER'S REPORT, for April, 1896.

Dr.	
To cash on hand, April 1st .....	\$112 69
" from subscriptions .....	110 14
" " patients .....	157 00
" " doll show .....	172 80
Total .....	552 60
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By amt. paid in wages .....	\$ 59 60
" " for food supplies .....	80 97
" " med. and surg. ....	3. 34
" " laundry .....	11 40
" " rent of rooms .....	182 31
Balance on hand April 30th, 1895. .	370 29
	\$552 60

Mary Van Horne, Treas.,

DONATIONS FOR MONTH.

- 3 doz. ginger ale for nurses, Mrs. H. M. Patton.
- Dressing gown and old linen, Friend.
- Magazines, Unknown.
- Views of World's Fair, Unknown.
- Marmalade, Mrs. Thos. Nichol.
- Framed texts, Mrs. Ed. Jacques.
- Oranges and pineapple for nurses, Mrs. S. M. Baylis.
- Three tables, Mrs. James Baylis.
- 62 yds. unbleached cotton, Mrs. Williams.
- Lemon pies for nurses, Mrs. Dr. Griffith.
- Magazines, Unknown.
- Marmalade, Miss Robertson.
- Jar fruit and home-made bread, L. I. N.

INVALID COOKERY.

*Beef tea quickly made*—1 pound beef shredded, 1 pint cold water, 2 or 3 drops lemon juice. Mix well, then let it stand 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Put all in a sauce pan, heat to 165° F. Strain through wire sieve and use at once.

*Beef juice*—1 pound lean beef shredded, put into a jar, tie down the cover to prevent evaporation and place in saucepan of boiling water. Simmer very gently two hours. Then pour off the juice and use either hot or cold.

*Barley cream*—1 oz. Pearl barley, ½ pound lean tender veal or chicken shredded, pepper, salt, ½ pint cold milk, ½ gill cream. Shred the meat and simmer it with the milk, barley, pepper and salt for two hours, then add the cream. Rub all through a fine sieve and serve hot.

For one dollar, you can have the MESSENGER sent to five friends for one year.

Dr. A. R. G., Toronto, writes: "Messrs. John Wyeth & Bro., I write you regarding your Liquid Malt Extract, and congratulate you upon its merits, and may say that during the past year I have ordered in the neighborhood of 30 doz. of same, besides my prescriptions, and I have been highly satisfied with its effects."

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