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NURSES' HOME.

At a special meeting of the committee of management held Jan. 11th, the question of acquisition of a home for our nurses was discussed. Authority was given to a sub-committee to obtain memoranda of the most favorable terms on which the house adjoining the Maternity Annex could be obtained, with instructions to report, when the matter will be laid before the Governors for approval and sanction of purchase.

All the business connected with this matter must be closed before the first of February if we are to have the home this year. It therefore is incumbent on our friends to bestir themselves and send in subscriptions towards the fund for making the cash deposit required. Whatever you do, do quickly, as the larger the cash down payment the less will be our interest on the balance.

The total cost will be \$5,500 and it will probably require an additional \$500 to alter and fit up the premises to suit the requirements. In connection with this matter, we are reminded that this

year we celebrate our tenth anniversary, which should be celebrated in some fitting and lasting manner. The Nurses' Home offers just the occasion sought and might well be made the means of evoking substantial aid from some of our wealthier friends.

The opportunity to commemorate the anniversary and to establish a lasting memorial to the giver's name is here presented. If some of our patrons would donate the sum of say, \$3,000 towards this object, and have their name perpetuated by the "——" Nurses' Home. Don't miss this chance to get a full value return for your investment, as the time is rapidly approaching when connection with the Homœopathic Hospital of Montreal will be an enviable possession and a proof of comradeship with the good and great.

Of the necessity of obtaining more suitable quarters for our nurses nothing need be added to that already said. The humane side of the question appeals to all and the economical side has many supporters, as when nurses are sick their services are lost and the work interfered with. Much of this would be avoided by the acquisition of No. 48. Come and help us celebrate our "Tenth Anniversary," with a generous supply of that commodity, and attend to the matter as soon as you come to this part of the article.

J. K. Caird, a wealthy manufacturer of Dundee, Scotland, proposes to erect in that city a cancer hospital at a cost of \$90,000. He has also guaranteed the payment of \$5,000 a year for five years for original laboratory work in investigating the disease.

BAZAAR.

The Woman's Auxiliary held a successful bazaar in Stanley Hall on Dec. 11th, and although preparations for it had been under way but a short time the result was gratifying.

His Worship Mayor Cochrane and Mrs. Cochrane were present and in a few gracious words declared the bazaar open, then with the president, Mrs. J. T. Hagar, and some of the auxiliary, they visited and liberally patronized the various tables, partaking of a cup of tea in the tea room, which was prettily arranged on the platform, in charge of Mrs. A. D. Patton and Miss Rodden, and a number of young lady assistants.

The fancy work was in charge of Mrs. DeForest Smith, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Gaunt, and Miss Ames. The candy table was ably managed by Mrs. W. D. Birchall and Mrs. Williams; the cake table by Mrs. Morgan and Miss Moodie; the home-made dainties by Mrs. A. R. Griffith, Mrs. Holland and Miss Marie Robertson. A very realistic ship had a load of surprise packages to be fished for by the children, in charge of Miss Mildred Hagar and her friends, while Miss Winnifred Hagar had the lemonade table prettily decorated in green and white.

The sample table of "Things made in Canada," was one of the features of the bazaar. The booth occupied all the south end of the hall, its most picturesque arrangement being the work of Mr. Barnes, artist, assisted by Mr. H. Hoy.

Prof. Hume, with his charming youthful orchestra, contributed in large measure to the enjoyment of the afternoon and evening and deserve a special vote of thanks.

The Woman's Auxiliary desires to thank all who helped them in any way. Mr. W. H. Leach for the piano, Mr. Aird for ice cream, Mr. Alexander, also the Gazette for posters, the Press, for generous notices, Emmanuel Church for the use of tables, etc., and the many friends who gave their time and contributions to aid this good cause.

Over four hundred dollars was realized, with the returns not all in. The published list of contributors is necessarily imperfect. Should any names be omitted we will be glad to insert those reported to us in our next issue.

The following are the incomplete results of the various tables, etc.:

Tea room	\$36.00
Cakes	12.30
Candy	20.12
Canadian exhibit	69.28
Housekeepers table	35.95
Fish pond	17.71

Lemonade	8.60
Fancy work	115.05
Tickets	45.25
Collected for expenses ..	55.00
Received later	9.20
Orchestra, donated by Mr. Gaunt	6.00
Expenses hall	20.00
Cartage	50
Boy	1.00
Boy, door	2.00

DONORS AND SUBSCRIBERS TO BAZAAR.

The following list is far from being complete. Any errors or omissions will be rectified in future issues. Many donations were sent in anonymously, for which the Woman's Auxiliary desire to return sincere thanks, and to the many known friends expresses gratitude.

Among the donors, the following sent in money: Lord Strathcona, \$100; Miss M. Robertson, \$10; Chas. Alexander, \$5; Penniston Bros., \$2; Mrs. Jas. Hutchinson, Mrs. Jas. Williamson, Miss Davie, Mrs. Lachlan Gibb, Mrs. Geo. Durnford, Mrs. Killaly, Mrs. Robert Armour, Mrs. W. G. Brown, Mrs. N. Macfarlane, Mr. Joe O'Connor, W. S. and A. M., \$1.00 each.

Among the donors of goods, cakes, candy, ice cream, toys, etc., were: English Provision Co., Hudson, Hebert & Co., John Robertson & Son, Walter Paul, Henry Morgan & Co., A. Dionne & Co., Gravel Freres, Scroggie's, J. Palmer & Son, Morton, Phillips & Co., Haycock & Dudgeon, Major Manfg. Co., Jas. M. Aird, Chas. Alexander & Sons, Robt Hall, Alex. Scott, and nearly all the prominent firms in the city sent contributions to the "Canadian Exhibit."

Among the individual donors were: Mesdames E. Von Rappard, I. G. Ogden, J. T. Hagar, R. L. Gaunt, Clelland, A. R. Griffith, C. H. Binks, Hugh Watson, Robert Armour, Dawson, C. A. Jacques, C. E. Scarff, Holland, McKergow, Hanna, Blakely, G. A. Slack, S. Munn, Baker, Brittain, E. Cooper, E. W. T. Raddon, E. M. Morgan, Leishman, G. H. Holland, Kearns, Rives, Munderloh, Somerville, Birchall, Dawson, Mullins, R. Macfarlane and many others.

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The Gazette for posters, the daily press for special notices, W. H. Leach, loan of piano; J. W. Hughes, fitting up gas stove; Laird, Paton & Son, fish pond and fittings; Mr. Barnes, design and decoration of Canadian exhibit, and the many kind friends who generously assisted at the various tables and in numerous other ways enabled the Woman's Auxilliary to make a success of the bazaar.

In the subjoined list, handed in later, are the names of some of the friends who helped to make the tea room a success.

Mrs. Ed. Packard, Mrs. E. G. O'Connor, Miss St. Denis, Mrs. Sam Baylis, Mrs. Jas. Baylis, Mrs. C. T. Williams, Mrs. A. D. Patton, Mrs. R. L. Savage, Miss Daisy Bell, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Geo. Wait, Miss Murphy, Mrs. Tinning, Mrs. Booth, Westgate & Lewis, Chase & Sanborn, Miss M. Robertson, Miss E. R. Lorenz, Mrs. W. J. Walker, Mrs. Geo. Gardner, Mrs. Jas. Leishman, Geo. F. Philips, Jas. M. Aird, C. M. Alexander, and others, some of whose names appear in the general list.

DONATIONS IN DECEMBER.

The Lady Superintendent acknowledges with thanks the following:

- Needle Work Guild, 3 bed jackets, 4 pairs socks, 2 night robes, 1 under vest, 1 pair bed socks, 10 hand towels.
- Mrs. Baker, 4 quarts preserves.
- Mrs. E. M. Morgan, 3 plum puddings.
- Canada Sugar Refining Co., 1 barrel granulated sugar.
- Mrs. S. M. Baylis, 5 pounds candies, 1 goose.
- Mrs. Hector Mackenzie, picture books and flowers.
- Loynachan, Scriver Co., 2 turkeys.
- Mrs. R. G. Reid, 1 turkey, 2 chickens
- Mr. and Mrs. Geo. and Miss Sheppard, flowers for the nurses.
- Mrs. J. A. Mathewson, jr., 10 pounds tea.
- Mr. W. H. Steele, 1 turkey.
- Messrs. Graham & Co., dolls and games.
- Mrs. H. Watson, 1 turkey.
- Dr. L. Muller, nuts and raisins.
- Mr. T. Donohue, 1 bag potatoes, 1 bag turnips.
- Mrs. Geo. Sumner, figs and raisins.
- Mrs. R. L. Gaunt, 1 turkey, 1 goose.

- Messrs. Westgate & Lewis, 1 turkey.
- Mr. F. W. Holland, 1 plant.
- Chas Gurd & Co., 2 dozen ginger ale.
- Mr. Jas. M. Aird, 1 fruit cake, 4 short cakes.

Mr. A. Thompson, 6 feather pillows.

Woman's Auxilliary (from bazaar)—
 17 pkgs. Gold Dust washing powder, 24 boxes matches, 22 boxes metal polish, 1 tin baking powder, 6 lbs. maple syrup, 1 tin infant food, 3 lbs. soda biscuits, 4 pkgs. salad dressing powder, 3 pkgs. lemon pudding, 10 lbs. tea, 3 tins mixed spices, 3 samples flavoring extract, 3 pkgs. frosting, 24 pkgs. Quaker oats, 4 bottles Radnor water, 5 lbs. sugar, 5 lbs. Wheaten, 2 1-2 quarts preserves, 1 spirit lamp, 1 broom, 1 fruit dish, 1 lamp shade, 2 samples chutney, 1 corkscrew, 1 box stove polish, 52 bags table salt, 11 lbs. flour, 8 pieces ice, ice cream for nurses.

HOMŒOPATHY IN ARNPRIOR.

In the year 1876 Mr. John T. Wait, druggist, of Arnprior, went to the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, Penn., and contracted a cold, which caused rheumatism in his arms, shoulders and hips, which continued for two years under best allopathic treatment without any abatement.

Mr. Thos. Slack, now of Waterloo, Quebec had been similarly affected and had been cured by the late Dr. John Wanless, 88 Union Avenue, Montreal, a famous homoeopathic physician. Mr. Slack offered his advice and services to Mr. Wait, who had no faith in homoeopathy, but was finally persuaded to accept a small bottle of Bryonia and Rhus Tox, which was sent from Montreal and was taken as directed. In a marvellously short time the rheumatic symptoms were all gone.

From that day Mr. Wait was converted from the error of allopathy to the truth of homoeopathy. He at once took steps to instruct himself in the art of healing, and for the last ten years devoted much of his time to healing diseases. During this period he has treated from six thousand to ten thousand patients yearly with a record that few can equal, for he has lost but one patient in four years.

Mr. Wait practices straight homoeopathy after the tenets of Hahnemann's Organon and enjoys the reputation of owning and carrying on the only exclusively homoeopathic pharmacy in the Dominion. He sincerely hopes that homoeopathy may shed more light in this dark world, where drugging and death has its throne.

DIPHThERIA ANTITOXIN.

HINTS.

The late extremely unpleasant result with antitoxin in St. Louis is a horrible state of affairs. Although the coroner has placed the blame on the Health Board, we do not as yet know who is to blame. Whether antitoxin is a safe and beneficial remedy in diphtheria is a question and will remain a question until physicians quit "squirting" it into children promiscuously, without first making a diagnosis.

To our positive knowledge, there is being a great many cases of pronounced diphtheria and treated with antitoxin that are not diphtheria at all. An instance: A short time ago we were in a city doing post-graduate work, and the landlady where we were stopping had a little girl who became afflicted with ulcerative tonsilitis in a mild form, and we were requested to attend her. The mother was thoroughly scared, and wanted to know if we thought it advisable to use antitoxin (antitoxin being now a very familiar word with the lay people). We told her we thought it would be unnecessary, and we prescribed the usual remedies for such cases, and the child was well in about four or five days. But their next door neighbor also had a little girl about the same age, who became afflicted in the same manner, and their family physician quickly informed them that it was a case of diphtheria developing, and he thought possibly by the use of anti-toxin he could save their child.

We saw both cases every day during their illness, and all symptoms were identical, and both children made a rapid recovery. We got very little for our trouble, and the city physician got a handsome fee for "saving the life of our dear child," and also feathered his reputation cap as well. We were not caring anything about our reputation in that distant land, but only prescribed for the little girl from a humanitarian standpoint. This case is only cited as an illustration; there are thousands similar. We do not say there is nothing in the antitoxin treatment of diphtheria, but we do say that the profession will never succeed in collecting any reliable statistics while the drug is administered indiscriminately, without any reference to diagnosis.

A remedy of that class certainly should not be manufactured from horses where the remotest suspicion of tetanus exists, and then only by thoroughly competent men (not livery men), regardless of cost.—The Southern Ill. Jour. of Med. and Surg.

Urtica urens is a good remedy for chronic itching in any part of the body.

Dr. Chas. Hubbard says that the tincture of *Erythroxylon coca* is a wonderful remedy for relieving the hoarseness of speakers and singers.

Sore throat, fever, with aching pains, finds a remedy in *Phytolacca*.

Epilepsy, when spasms are followed by prolonged sleep, according to Teste, needs as a remedy Opium.

Farrington warns against prescribing *Mercurius* for scrofulous children.

Ledum, internally, is a good remedy for those who suffer much from mosquito bites.

Yellow, stringy mucus is an indication for *Kali bichromicum*.

It is said that *Sabal ser.* 0 in five drop doses will cure enlarged prostate. Take once a day.

Some years ago a German homoeopathic journal reported thirteen cases of cataract of the eyes cured by *Calcarea fluor.* internally

Old inflamed scars require *Graphites*.

If the place where a bone has been broken continues to pain after healing rub it with the tincture *Symphytum*.

Magnesia phos. has cured many cases of Chorea, *St. Vitus* dance and involuntary jerking of the limb.

Pulsatilla and *Rhus* have relief on stretching the muscles, therefore the patient sleeps with both legs stretched out to full length.

When the asthmatic condition or dyspnoea are combined with the placing of the hands under the head in sleep or when awake give *Nux vom.*

Chamomilla patient sleeps with legs widely apart.

Pulsatilla is indicated when patient lies with hands on abdomen. When patients demand to lie with their heads low we have *Arnica*, *Spongia*, *Aconite*, *Hepar sulph.*

Sulphur patient has head turned to one side, so has *Cina*. A fine cure reported in which a child dropped its head on left shoulder every day at 4 p.m., which remained in this position, until the following morning. Cured with Sulphur.—Hom. Envoy.



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The hospital treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following:

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F. E. Grafton & Sons (trade account)	20.08
Mrs. E. Von Rappard	10.00
Mr. J. A. Taylor	10.00
Geo. R. Prowse & Co. (discount on account)	5.00
G. A. Holland Co. (discount on account)	2.50
Mr. S. Bell (for Christmas) \$5.00	
Dr. E. M. Morgan.....	2.00
M. S. Thomas	1.00
Mrs. J. T. Hagar	1.00
Mrs. C. T. Williams	1.00
Miss E. R. Lorenz	1.00
Miss M. Robertson	1.00
	12.00
	\$161.58

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION ON ALCOHOL.

Three times during the last half century medical manifestoes have been issued giving the opinion of physicians on alcohol. The first was issued in 1839, and was signed by 86 persons. The second in 1847, and was signed by 2,000 physicians, and the third appeared in 1871 with the signatures of over 4,000 physicians including the names of many leading physicians in all parts of the world. A fourth declaration of opinions is now being circulated for signatures, and reads as follows:

The following statement has been agreed upon by the Council of the British Medical Temperance Association, the American Medical Temperance Association, the Society of Medical Abstinents in Germany and leading physicians in England and on the continent. The purpose of this is to have a general agreement of opinions of all prominent physicians in civilized countries concerning the dangers from alcohol and in this way give support to the efforts made to check and prevent the evils from this source.

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In view of the terrible evils which have resulted from the consumption of alcohol, evils which in many parts of the world are rapidly increasing, we, members of the medical profession, feel it to be our duty, as being in some sense the guardians of the public health, to speak plainly of the nature of alcohol, and of the injury to the individual and the danger to the community which arise from the prevalent use of intoxicating liquors as beverages.

We think it ought to be known by all that:

1. Experiments have demonstrated that even a small quantity of alcoholic liquor, either immediate or after a short time, prevents perfect mental action, and interferes with the function of the cells and tissues of the body, impairing self-control by producing progressive paralysis of the judgment, and of the will, and having other markedly injurious effects. Hence, alcohol must be regarded as a poison, and ought not to be classed among foods.

2. Observation establishes the fact that a moderate use of alcoholic liquors, continued over a number of years, produces a gradual deterioration of the tissues of the body, and hastens the changes which old age brings, thus increasing the average liability to disease (especially to infectious disease), and shortening the duration of life.

3. Total abstainers, other conditions being similar, can perform more work, possess greater powers of endurance, have on the average less sickness, and recover more quickly than non-abstainers, especially from infectious diseases, while they altogether escape diseases specially caused by alcohol.

4. All the bodily functions of a man, as of every other animal, are best performed in the absence of alcohol, and any supposed experience to the contrary is founded on delusion, a result of the action of alcohol on the nerve centres.

5. Further, alcohol tends to produce in the offspring of drinkers an unstable nervous system, lowering them mentally, morally, and physically. Thus, deterioration of the race threatens us, and this is likely to be greatly accelerated by the alarming increase of drinking among women, who have hitherto been little addicted to this vice. Since the mothers of the coming generation are thus involved the importance and danger of this increase cannot be exaggerated.—
Medical Times.

HOSPITAL NOTES.

CHRISTMAS was spent quietly, owing to the number of very sick patients.

WORK in the hospital has been very heavy during the past month.

ESTIMATES are being prepared for renovation of the elevator. We trust our friends will see that some use be made of them.

THIS YEAR marks the tenth anniversary of the hospital's opening. Could you help us celebrate it by enlarging our endowment fund?

WE HAVE taken care of more public patients so far this hospital year than for any like period in our history.

WE WOULD like to have our laundry remodelled, as the work has outgrown it. One of the principal needs is a first-class mangle. If you see any in the January sales, remember us.

WE HOPE to be able to make some definite announcement in our next issue of arrangements for the better housing of our nurses, in the coming spring.

THE INCORPORATION of the hospital will fittingly celebrate the first decade of its existence.

THE RECENT cold spell about finished up our coal pile and was felt in considerable degree throughout the building.

THE NECESSITY for more blankets was painfully apparent in the nurses' home while the zero weather lasted.

FOURTEEN cases of typhoid fever at present, this being the record number since the hospital opened.

A VERY neat series of calendars has been received from Mr. John T. Wait, homoeopathic pharmacist of Arnprior, Ont. Also an interesting communication which appears in another column, relating to his first experience with homoeopathy.

WE WOULD like to call your attention to the record of the hospital for the first decade of its existence. Founded in 1894; enlarged and capacity doubled in 1897; again enlarged by opening of Maternity Annex in 1901; and now ready, in 1904, for still further enlargement, with fair prospects of seeing it accomplished. We certainly have

grown sufficiently to warrant our taking care of ourselves by becoming incorporated. We enjoy the distinction of being the only homoeopathic hospital in Canada with a record of ten years' successful work.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Homoeopathic Association was held Jan. 8 to receive the report of the committee on hospital incorporation. The hospital's solicitor, Mr. Leslie Boyd, presented a draft of the bill asking the Provincial Legislature for incorporation. Much discussion took place over the resolution accompanying the draft, which empowered the association to turn over any and all property to the new hospital corporation. The resolution finally passed and the report was adopted. The necessary steps to have it brought before the Legislature were ordered to be taken. The name of the new institution, as contained in the sought-for charter, is "The Homoeopathic Hospital of Montreal."

THE REGULAR monthly meeting of the Committee of Management was held Dec. 28. This being the first meeting of the new committee, organization was proceeded with, resulting in the re-election of Dr. Arthur D. Patton as chairman. The attendance was above the average, and the presence of the new members added increased interest to the meeting.

The reading of minutes of previous meeting brought up discussion about fire escapes, resulting in a special committee being appointed to attend to the matter with all expedition. The important business of the meeting, viz., the provision for new quarters for the nurses, was taken up and after thorough discussion a sub-committee was appointed to deal with the question and make any and all arrangements necessary for the acquirement, if possible, of the house adjoining the Maternity Annex.

The Lady Superintendent's report showed a busy month, with a number of very sick patients. Several of the nurses had been on the sick list. Favorable comment was made on the improved appearance of the bed linen, since it had been sent to a steam laundry. Attention was called to the number of public patients in the hospital, they being in excess of any other class.

The question of subscriptions and collectors was discussed and referred to the treasurer. At the conclusion of the routine business the meeting adjourned. Next regular meeting will be held on Monday, Jan. 25, and should occasion arise a special meeting will be called prior to this date.

PHILLIPS' TRAINING SCHOOL.
NOTES.

Miss Bartholomew, '02, is on special duty in the hospital.

Nurse Brown is at her home in Sherbrooke on sick leave.

Misses Trench and Warner, '02, were on special duty in the hospital during the past month.

Fourteen cases of typhoid make considerable extra work for the nurses.

Several of the nurses were off last month with tonsillitis; sleeping quarters are not what they should be.

Nurse Harding is out on special duty.

Miss Rodgers, of Ormstown, has entered the training school on probation.

Calls innumerable for nurses had to be refused during the past month.

Miss Egan, '96, has been nursing at Plattsburg, N.Y., for over a month past.

All our graduates are kept busy and most of them have work enough ahead to last till spring.

HOSPITAL REPORT FOR DECEMBER.

Number of patients in the hospital	
December 1	29
Admitted—	
Private patients	11
Semi-private patients	13
Public patients	10
Maternity	9
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	54
Discharged—	
Private patients	13
Semi-private patients	14
Public patients	6
Maternity	2
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	35
Died	1
Operations	10
Number of days of private nursing outside	19
Number of days of private nursing in hospital	0
Remaining in hospital Jan. 1.	19
Viz.:	
Private patients	7
Semi-private patients	4
Public patients	8
Maternity	0
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FINANCIAL REPORT OF WOMEN'S
AUXILIARY FROM NOV. 18th
TO DEC. 16th.

Proceeds of bazaar (Dec. 11, 1903)	\$336.76
Mr. C. F. Smith (per Mrs. Hagar)	25.00
Mr. Hodgson (per Mrs. Sumner)	20.00
Mrs. Geo. Sumner, annual fee....	2.00
Thomas Davidson (discount on account)	.12
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	\$383.88

DISBURSEMENTS.

W. L. Maltby, one quarter's rent	\$ 80.00
Paycock & Dudgeon, account....	33.13
D. H. Scott, account (linen closet)	23.00
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	\$136.13

A hundred thousand dollars for cancer research has been donated by Mrs. Collis P. Huntington to the General Memorial hospital for the treatment of cancer and kindred diseases. The fund is in the nature of an endowment, the interest alone to be used.

The Third International Congress of Medical Examiners for insurance companies was held in Paris in May.

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HICCOUGHS.

Anyone who has had experience with persistent hiccoughs in low grades of fever knows what they are to contend with. Hundreds of cases have hiccoughed themselves out of the world.

Dr. A. E. Archer, of Fincastle, O., writes us of a case that hiccoughed almost incessantly for eight days. In spite of much medicine and much counsel, morphia, atropine, gelseminum, chloroform, apomorphia, lemon juice, beer, laborandi, "coffee grounds" discharges—there was no relief. After the case became very grave, Dr. Archer thought that epsom salts was the indicated remedy. Two tablespoonfuls were given in three doses. Sixteen spasms per minute was soon reduced to ten, and later when immense quantities of foul gas escaped the bowels, together with some scybalous matter and "coffee grounds" discharges—there were complete cessation and no return—the patient fully recovering. This is a new one to us, and we thank Dr. Archer for recording it. Let others try epsom salts and report.—Ed. Med. Gleaner.

According to a recent report from Geneva, 119 adventurous mountain climbers lost their lives in the Swiss Alps, during the year 1901, the fatalities being double those of the previous year. The number of deaths from this cause has largely increased during the past few years.

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