

THE DIRE NECESSITY OF THE PHYSICIANS OF SAN FRANCISCO.

OF the awfulness of the disaster to the citizens of San Francisco only a vague idea, we believe, have we received even from the apparently full accounts recorded in the daily press and in the letters from friends. We have been assured that among the greatest sufferers are the physicians. In many cases they have lost everything, and a medical man without a book, an instrument or the means to in any way better his condition, commends himself to not only our sympathy, but our practical energy. We can all help a little; let us do it, and let our aid be given to the Canadian physicians resident in San Francisco. Kindly send anything, everything, with a name or anonymously, to the "San Francisco Physicians' Fund," CANADIAN JOURNAL OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY, 145 College Street, Toronto, and the same will promptly be forwarded to the Mayor of San Francisco for the purpose indicated.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

X-Rays and Anti-diphtheritic Serum in the Treatment of Pernicious Anemia.—In a paper read at a meeting of the Medical Society of the Hospitals (*La Presse Médicale*, March 14th, 1906), Drs. Louis Renon and Leon Tixier report the successful treatment of a case of pernicious anemia with X-rays and anti-diphtheritic serum. The patient, a woman, had already received arsenical treatment, but without favorable results. On the other hand, restoration of her blood to a normal condition resulted either from the X-rays or the anti-diphtheritic serum, or from both of these agencies together. The authors do not lay stress on the clinical features of the case, because temporary improvement is often noted during the treatment of a case of pernicious anemia; more reliance is placed on examinations of the blood. These examinations showed that restoration of the patient's blood took place under the influences of the physical and chemical agencies employed. Examinations of the patient's blood made during the