

Much remains to be done, but, unfortunately, the City Council and Board of Health do not seem to realize the danger or understand what is expected of them, while the sanitary officials are unable to carry out needful reforms, because they are not adequately supported by the civic by-laws. Quite recently a man who has the reputation of owning some of the worst-drained and foulest-smelling hovels in the city was prosecuted by the Health authorities for refusing to remove some open sewer-troughs, which were rendering pestilential the air of a whole court-yard. The facts were undisputed; but, as the law did not quite cover the case, the delinquent was discharged, his pestiferous troughs still remain polluting the air, and he practically defies the Health authorities. Such things should not be, if we expect our sanitary condition to be satisfactory; the Health Department must be sustained in its efforts for the general good, not crippled or embarrassed. If we are to be prepared for the cholera, now is the time to act, not when the epidemic is raging. We commend this matter to the serious consideration of our civic authorities.

FEHLING'S TEST TABLETS.

For the rapid and accurate estimation of Sugar in the Urine of Diabetic Patients.

The methods generally followed in detecting the presence and determining the quantity of diabetic sugar in urine by the use of an alkaline solution of cupric tartrate and other liquid reagents, though in the main giving correct results, are neither convenient nor very rapid of execution, and Physicians, who usually have a large amount of such testing to do, find it especially so.

In compliance with requests from several medical friends extensively engaged in urinary analysis, J. Wyeth & Bro., Philadelphia, are now manufacturing, on a large scale, Compressed Chemical Tablets, representing the solid constituents of the well-known test solution of Fehling, which is that most frequently employed, and yielding by far the most correct results.

Each Tablet is equivalent to 16 minims (1 cc) of Fehling's Solution, and when dissolved in that quantity of distilled water, the Solution is decolorized, with precipitation of red oxide of copper, by the addition of 1-12 gr. (0.005) of glucose contained in urine, &c.

THE TRIENNIAL MEETING OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS, P. Q.

The Triennial meeting of this College was held in the buildings of the Laval University at Quebec, on the 11th inst. The President, Dr. R. P. Howard, took the chair at 10.30. There were present:—Drs. R. P. Howard, Leonidas Larue, A. G. Belleau, Chas. Verge, Z. Gravel, A. Larochelle, Jos. Theberge, G. B. Lafleur, W. Lamontagne, F. W. Campbell, W. H. Hingston, Jean L. Leprohon, H. Sauve, Wm. Osler, Geo. Ross, T. A. Rodger, J. A. Ross, P. Lachapelle, D. B. Desaulnier, Tancrede Fortier, G. Lachance, Regis Latraverse, C. E. Lemieux, sr., J. A. Sewell, G. O. Beaudry, Jos. Lanctot, N. H. Ladouceur, Arthur Robitaille, A. Marois, Jos. Langlois, V. P. Lavallee, E. P. Chevretils, Malcolm Guay, G. H. Dufresne, W. Marsden, J. P. Lavoie, Achille Gauvreau, L. Catellier, Geo. Bolduc, E. Gervais, Chs. Gingras, Alf. Dion, N. Lacerte, J. E. Ladriere, J. B. Bolduc, E. A. de St. George, C. S. Parke, S. Gauthier, J. B. Gibson, J. A. S. Brunnelle, David A. Hart, F. E. Roy, Jos. Marmette, Alf. Morrisette, Falardeau, S. Bolduc, Emm. E. Duquette, Edward Belleau, E. Badeau, J. B. A. Lamarche, J. M. Turcot, Gasp. Turcot, Edwin Turcot, J. B. Bolduc, R. F. Rinfret, A. Jackson, F. R. Rinfret, F. D. Gilbert, P. Wells, A. Waters, W. A. Verge, O. Mazurette, J. Marceau, P. A. Shea, M. J. Ahern, F. J. Austin, Henry Russell, V. St. Germain, Luc Beauchesne, M. Fiset, Aug. Hamel, E. Morin, A. Vallee, C. Cote, A. Poliquin, F. X. Gendron, Nap. Lavoie.

The minutes of the last Triennial meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report, showing a very satisfactory state of the finances, was read and adopted.

The President then read the following address:

Members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec,—Gentlemen:—

The terms of office of the present board of governors of the College terminates to-day, and a short retrospect of the proceedings of the Board during the past three years, and of any events of importance in the history of the institution of which we are all members, may be of some interest to you—and is doubtless expected from me as your presiding officer.

The last triennial period of the College history has not been characterized by any remarkable events. The Medical Act of 1876 (40 Vict. chap. 26), which was the model and basis of the existing