

division of pure food and drugs, and a division of laboratory research. Each member of the Commission could head a division, with proper assistants and a suitable organization for the work he would naturally be called on to do. Each division could and would co-operate with the others and a satisfactory scheme of public health defence could be developed. If a Department of Health is not to be created in the United States, it is unlikely that a Department of Health will be added to the Canadian Federal Cabinet. It would be gratifying to the medical profession and useful to the people of Canada, if a Commission of Health were established in Canada. The laboratory of the Inland Revenue at Ottawa has for many years been engaged in the examination of foods and drugs. A division of sanitation and quarantine already exists as a sub-department of the Department of Agriculture. A division of laboratory research could be established; perhaps a statistical division might be added. Such a Commission could co-operate with Provincial Boards of Health, utilizing their work and officials. It would be a tentative measure and its usefulness would be measured by the results of its operations.

Religious Therapeutics.—In the early days of Christianity the functions of priest and physician were often administered by the same individual. "Is any man sick among you? Let him bring in the priests of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord" (St. James v. 14). As medicine has become more scientific, the care of the sick has been left in the hands of the physician and most Christian churches do not apply direct therapeutic measures to heal the sick. Exception should be made for the Roman Catholic Church, whose priests sometimes use mental therapeutics when waiting on the sick. Reference might be made to successful therapeutic efforts made at Lourdes in France and Ste Anne de Beaupré in Canada. Religious therapeutics has also been enormously exploited by the Christian Science Church, with very favorable results in some cases. Efforts are now being made by Christian churches in the United States to do something in the way of mental or religious therapeutics. This subject is discussed in *The World of To-day*, March, 1908, by Bishop Fallows, of Chicago. The religious therapist, accord-