

these branches of medicine. He referred to the fact that in most other branches very satisfactory progress had been made, and they were on an enlightened and a rational, and for the most part, universally accepted basis, while on therapeutics and materia medica, and in a measure on the practice of medicine, the widest and most extravagant views were held and carried out in practice. Students in medicine are taught that certain drugs have certain actions, and to give certain medicines in certain diseases, but in practice it is soon found that medicines will not, even usually, produce the effects on the human constitution which as students they are taught to expect; and many consequently lose faith in most drug remedies altogether. Hence, different pathies had sprung up. The doctor made quotations from eminent medical men to show that there is a great want of faith among the older practitioners, in drug medication, as now practiced. He purposes moving, at the next meeting of the Association, for a select committee with authority to request that other like Associations in Great Britain, United States, and other countries, will appoint like committees, and which committees shall endeavor to arrange for a general conference, at some future time, of delegates from all the different Associations to consider the best means by which these branches may be placed on a more rational, uniform, and acceptable basis.

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL.—A correspondent who signs himself M. C. P. & S., O., asks the following questions: "What does the Ontario Medical Council mean to do next? I have been shown a letter signed by the President of that august body, ordering all prosecutions of unlicensed midwives, to cease from this time forth.

Hitherto the Council has done the general profession and public at large, a good work by putting down the unlicensed practitioners of midwifery in Ontario, but now this is all to be cancelled. Is it fair for us to pay yearly for protection, and not get it? Are the general practitioners to be taxed to keep up a so-called college and council for no good to themselves, but rather a hindrance. Can the President over-rule the Statutes of Ontario? Answers to these queries will oblige."

PREVENTIVE MEASURES IN DIPHTHERIA.—We have been favored with a copy of the report on

the preventive measures to be used in limiting the extension of diphtheria, published by the Medical Society of Nova Scotia. Owing to the continued existence of diphtheria in this Province, and the great mortality caused by it, the Medical Society has issued a report on the preventive measures to be used, for public use. The report treats of the contagiousness of the disease, the means to be adopted to prevent it, disinfection, &c.

DETROIT MEDICAL COLLEGE.—The Faculty of the Detroit Medical College have, with commendable spirit, adopted the three years' graded course of study, and an entrance or matriculation examination, for all candidates for graduation. Each session will also be lengthened to six months, commencing on the second Wednesday of September, and ending on the second Tuesday in March following. These new regulations will go into force in the session 1880-81. We congratulate this institution on its progress in the interests of higher medical education.

AMPUTATION AT THE HIP-JOINT.—Prof. Gross, of Philadelphia, has performed three successful amputations at the hip-joint. The third operation was performed on the 20th of September, in a case of sarcoma of the thigh. Hemorrhage was arrested by Esmarch's bandage and Pancoast's abdominal tourniquet. The patient recovered without a bad symptom. Lateral flaps were made, and silk ligatures employed; no antiseptics were used.

INHALATION OF TURPENTINE IN HEMOPTYSIS.—The inhalation of turpentine in hemoptysis has been recently tried with very marked and beneficial results. It is especially useful when the hemorrhage comes from very small vessels. In rupture of large vessels it has not been so successful, but it is still useful as an auxiliary means of treatment.

APPOINTMENTS.—Dr. Gamble has been appointed surgeon to the South Wellington Cavalry. Dr. J. S. Edwards has been appointed House Surgeon to the General Hospital, London, Ont. Dr. L. E. Sheppard, son of Mr. A. Sheppard, of Petrolia, has been appointed to the chair of anatomy in the St. Louis Medical College.

Dr. Mitchell of Amherst, N.S., was lately appointed physician to the Maritime Penitentiary, Dorchester, N.B.