

4. This plan is following the United States' methods rather than the British. So far this country has worked out its own plans which have given good results.

5. It is further objected that medical affairs in Ontario are under review at present by a commissioner, and the universities should wait for the present.

6. The views of the medical profession should have been ascertained, as represented by the other colleges, and the licensing body. It is very doubtful if public opinion is ready for the addition of a year to the preparation for a medical course.

7. The cost must be borne in mind. The five year course comes to \$2,500, and the addition of another year would run the cost of a medical education up to \$3,000.

SODIUM CACODYLATE.

H. N. Cole, Cleveland (*Journal A. M. A.*, Dec. 30, 1916), has tested the efficacy of sodium cacodylate, which has been claimed to be a powerful remedy in the treatment of syphilis. A series of selected cases in the Cleveland City Hospital were taken. At first a dose of about 0.25 gm. was used, followed by one of 0.45 or 0.5 gm. every five days up to five or six injections. After one or two trials, however, they were convinced that they would have to use it either in larger doses or more frequently to gain results. The latter was chosen, and they gave it at first every four days and later every three. Their work was overseen throughout by Prof. Torald Sollmann. The patients were together in wards, and it was not always possible to follow out the treatment sufficiently, as they were inclined to take it in their own hands. Otherwise, they were all carefully studied and collectively showed all the symptoms, primary, secondary, tertiary and, in several, involvement of the nervous system, as is shown in the brief reports given. Careful analysis of the results was made and confirms the contention of Nichols and others. Sodium cacodylate, Cole says, has proved worthless as a spirocheticide in spite of the claims that have been made, and he believes that he is justified in saying that, at the most, it has perhaps a slight effect on nodular and papular syphilids, which he thinks can be explained entirely from the tonic action of arsenic on the system. In cases with mucous patches it is worse than useless. In one case there was a drop in the spinal fluid cell count from sixty-five to twenty-five, but the Wassermann and Noguchi tests remained positive; two other patients with cerebrospinal involvement showed no practical change. The routine Wassermann in all ten cases remained positive.