

These preparations are antiseptic and tonic, and are useful in cases of leucœthemia, in the same way that the preparations of iron have been employed. We have also to acknowledge the reception of some oxalate of cerium, a new remedy introduced to notice about a year ago by Prof. Simpson of Edinburgh, to relieve the distressing vomiting so often connected with pregnancy. We notice, however, by a paper published in the last number of the American Journal of the Medical Sciences, by Dr. Charles Lee, House Physician to the Blockley Hospital, that its use has been extended to the vomiting of phthisis, pyrosis, hysterical emesis, and in atonic dyspepsia, and he relates eight cases of its successful employment. Its dose is from 1 to 3 grains given every 2 or 3 hours. We are pleased that the Medical Hall has placed it in the power of our physicians to have recourse to these preparations when required.

THE LECTURES.

Before another number of this Journal will meet our subscribers, the winter course of lectures will have commenced in the different Universities and Schools of Medicine in the Province. We need not say that we wish them all full classes, and to the students, the full measure of that knowledge which they are seeking, to prepare them for those important duties which they will have afterwards to discharge. In our own University, the governors have effected great alterations in the building in which the lectures of the Faculty of Medicine have been, for several years past, delivered. By the erection of an additional building in rear of the old one, facing on Côté street, two very commodious and large lecture rooms have been supplied, while at the same time additional room has been afforded to the dissecting rooms, the Museum and the Library, all of which demanded it. The attendance of students last winter was so large, that at some of the lectures the sitting accommodation was inconveniently small, and at the chemical class numbers had to stand. These inconveniences are now rectified. But whatever be the conveniences at this or that School of Medicine, in the interest of all, we have only one wish to express, and it is this, that in his selection of the school, the student will not permit himself to be dazzled by any thing extrinsic, but will locate himself in that place, where the different branches of medicine are taught with the greatest efficiency, and where the different lecturers are persons fully qualified for the duties assigned to them. Thus and thus only will he receive the "*quantum meruit*," for his outlay.

LECTURES ON BOTANY.

By reference to the proceedings at the semi-annual meeting of the Governors of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, it will be seen that a debate took place on the admission to examination of a number of candidates, who were deficient, in their schedules of qualification, of tickets of attendance on Botany. We believe now that there exists no excuse for non attendance on this course, (one that is demanded in almost every British and European continental school,) as lectures on it are delivered at the University of Laval and McGill College, and will be at the Montreal School of Medicine, for the first