

out that traumatism is not a necessary or even a usual occasion of the hemorrhages noted. When the bleeding proceeds from the stump of the navel it usually starts from points in the stump between its base and the ligature. Hemorrhages also occur from the vagina, urethra, mouth, nasal passages, intestine and even the skin. Dr. Welch also exhibited an apparatus for procuring and preparing the human serum. It will be a matter of great satisfaction if Dr. Welch's treatment should prove successful in the hands of others, and one more exceedingly fatal disease should prove amenable to a remedy devised by medical science.

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DR. R. W. BRUCE SMITH, Inspector of the Hospitals and Charities of Ontario, in the fortieth report of his department, just to hand, notes that the number of children in the orphanages of Ontario is much less than for several years. This decrease of children in orphanages meets with his approval, and the only criticism he makes is that the orphanages are not depleted fast enough. As an evidence of the demand for children to be adopted, we learn that the Children's Aid Societies throughout Ontario have more applications for children to be adopted than can be supplied. The majority of people taking English children express a preference for native Canadians, but have to be content with children brought out