

WE desire to call the attention of the profession to Dr. Sprague's letter, which appears in this issue. Very many physicians have read with touched feelings MacLaren's book in which he so successfully immortalizes the old-time doctor.

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THE CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—The Canadian Medical Association was a pronounced success. The papers, clinics and demonstrations were up to date and full of the scientific spirit. The question of inter-provincial reciprocity was advanced more at this meeting than in twenty years before, and seems now to be in a fair way of being settled shortly. The hospitality of our Montreal confreres was unbounded. Dr. James Thorburn, one of the veterans of the Association, presided with much acceptance. Secretary F. N. G. Starr was very deservedly re-elected.

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THE TREATMENT OF TIC DOULOUREUX.—Dr. C. L. Dana, in the *Post Graduate* for July, gives the following treatment for this very severe and troublesome affliction: First, strychnine is given in single daily doses hypodermically, beginning with gr. $\frac{1}{30}$, and increasing to gr. $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ by the fifteenth or twentieth day. Few persons can stand more than gr. $\frac{1}{2}$, the excess dosage causing stiffness in the jaws and legs, with trembling and nervousness. The maximum dose should be kept up for a week or ten days, and then gradually reduced to the dose used at starting. This treatment takes about six weeks. The drug is then replaced by others. Secondly, iodides and tonics are ordered. Pot. iodide in doses of gr. v., three times a day, increasing to gr. xxx. three times a day; and tincture of iron m. v., increased to m. xxx., if possible. These are well diluted. Sometimes salicylate of potash takes the place of the pot. iodide, and nitro-glycerine is added to the iron. Thirdly, rest in bed in an even and comfortable temperature, with light, nutritious and digestible food. The results of the above treatment are spoken of as very gratifying.

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TREATMENT OF CHRONIC INTERSTITIAL NEPHRITIS.—Dr. G. E. Davis, in *American Practitioner and News* for August, contends that mercury and the iodides exercise the most favorable influence over renal sclerosis. Digitalis only acts on the secretion of urine by toning the heart and increasing the arterial tension. It should be given in large doses, once a day, and preferably at bedtime. Strophanthus