

THE TOLU ANODYNE.

We have been visited by Mr. Hunnewell, an eminent apothecary of Boston, with regard to this novel preparation of the *Cannadis Indica*, or Indian Hemp. He has informed us, on the authority of the Boston physicians, that its anodyne qualities are of a high order, excelling in that respect the best preparations from opium. We have not yet seen the article, but he informed us that it was his intention to send a small quantity to the principal physicians of this city, for trial. We simply now allude to the fact, and hope in a short time to be enabled to examine the powers of this new remedial article and test it for ourselves.

THE STADACONA ELECTION.

We are far from wishing to commit this Journal to any political views or purposes whatever, but aside from politics altogether we cannot contemplate the proposal to bring forward our esteemed friend Dr. Marsden, as the representative of the Stadacona division of Quebec in the Legislative Council, but as one fraught with great advantages when regarded from a medical point of view, which is the point in which we desire to take it up. Dr. Marsden's well recognised abilities as a scientific physician, the severe industry which has marked his career, his boldness and acumen as a writer, his unswerving fidelity to the path which he deems right, and his ability as a debater, with his other accomplishments, are all auguries that if elected he will prove of immense advantage to the cause of medical science in this Province, and although politics must, if such be the case, occupy largely his time, there can be no doubt of his full attention to the necessities of his more early love. If Dr. Marsden is still willing to make a large sacrifice for the public benefit, (for such it must be in whatever aspect regarded,) while his previous life has been devoted to its best interests, and with but little thanks, it is our opinion that no better, no more accomplished advocate could the Stadacona division have. We will watch the result anxiously, looking upon his return, less as the unflinching exponent of political views than the uncompromising advocate of the best interests of that profession of which he is most unquestionably one of the most distinguished members.

We beg to renew our request to our American exchanges to be informed of the amount of fee paid to chemical experts for the analysis of the stomach and contents, with other portions of the body, in cases of suspected poisoning.

BOOKS, &c, RECEIVED.

- THE EAR IN HEALTH & DISEASE, with practical remarks on the prevention and treatment of deafness; Illustrated by wood engravings. By William Harvey, F.R.C.S., Surgeon to the Royal Dispensary for diseases of the ear. Third edition, revised and improved. London: Henry Renshaw. 12mo., 1860, pp. 239.
- AN ELEMENTARY TREATISE ON HUMAN ANATOMY, by Joseph Leidy, M.D., Professor of Anatomy in the University of Pennsylvania, &c., with 392 illustrations. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co., 1861. Royal 8vo. pp. 663.
- AN EPITOME OF BRAITHWAITE'S RETROSPECT OF MEDICINE, in six parts, by Walter S. Wells, M.D., published for the author, by Charles T. Evans, New York. Montreal: Dawson & Sons. Parts 5 and 6, 8vo. pp. 608-919, 1860. Price, \$1.00 per part.