

I am unable to say that any of them can be charged with inefficiency. In Toronto there is a magnificent university, the president of which is the famous archaeologist, Daniel Wilson, and two medical schools, the buildings of both of which I inspected with care, and I venture to say that they compare very favourably with the school in our own town, or indeed with any provincial medical school, as well as with a large number of our metropolitan schools. The tendency toward the downward competition which would otherwise be inevitable in medical education is prevented by the establishment of that which we most of all want in this country—a guarantee on the part of the State of a minimum amount of medical education. The only defect of this State control, so far as I could understand it in Canada, is that all the provinces are not agreed as to what this minimum shall be, yet each province seems quite capable of protecting its own interests.

Of the hospitals of Canada I can say nothing but what is favourable. Dr. Hingston, the distinguished surgeon of l'Hôtel Dieu, and others, took great trouble to show me all their details. Their appointments are equal in every respect, and in some respects are far superior to those to be seen in any but the newest hospitals in this country. I spent a long afternoon in the hospital in Toronto, and I saw there the results of surgical work as brilliant as any to be found in Great Britain.

Unfortunately, the time of my visit to Canada was such that the schools had not reopened for the winter session, so that I saw nothing of them in actual work.—*Birmingham Medical Review.*

PALATABLE PRESCRIPTIONS.

Dr. John. L. Davis suggests the following as eligible formulæ for the prescription of certain drugs that are disagreeable or nauseous in taste:

1. BITTER DRUGS.—The type of these is found among the cinchona bark alkaloids. The best formula for masking quinine he gives as follows:

R Quinîæ sulphatis 3 ss.
Tr. aurant. cort. recent.... 3 ij.
Ext. glycyrrhizæ fl. 3 vj.
Syr. simplicis..... 3 j ℥.

He also commends the "tasteless cinchona" combination, suggested some years ago by Dr. Ashurst, viz :

R Cinchonîæ gr. j.
Sach. lactis grs. iv.
Sodæ bicarb gr. 1-10.

The cinchona alkaloids and their salts may be given also advantageously in elixir of taraxicum. Finally, it may be said of these as of all disagreeable medicines, that if taken very cold, or if a piece of ice be taken into the mouth immediately before the medicine, the unpleasant taste will be less marked.

SALTY AND METALLIC DRUGS.—A large class of unpalatable drugs is included under this head.

R Potassii iodidi 3 ij.
Tr. aurant. cort. recent.... 3 ij.
Ext. glycyrrhizæ fl. 3 j.
Syr. simplicis, q. s. ad 3 ij.

For this combination, of which each teaspoonful contains five grains. The same vehicle may be used for exhibiting the bromides.

Iodide, or bromide of potassium, or salicylic acid, may be given in milk, to the amount of ten grains to the ounce. He also refers to the method proposed by Dr. Seguin, of administering these remedies in slight alkaline carbonated water, either natural or artificial. Magnesium sulphate, which is so disagreeable to many people, may be given very pleasantly in the following formula:

R Magnes. sulph 3 ij.
Acidi sulph, gttss. v.
Glycerinæ
Aqua aa 3 j ℥.

Half of this in a glass of water constitutes a very agreeable dose. A drop or two of mint makes it more palatable to some tastes.

ASTRINGENT DRUGS.—Tannin is a representative of this class of drugs. The disagreeable taste of these remedies may be materially improved by the addition of sugar of milk and aromatic powder. When alcohol is not objectionable, the following combination is recommended for the administration of salicylic acid: