

ALCOHOL IN PATENT MEDICINES.

The Ontario Council of the Royal Templars have become seized of the fact at last that the average patent medicine is whiskey in disguise; and they will, so we are informed by the public press, seek legislation limiting the alcohol in all such, to such quantity as is absolutely necessary to preserve them. In their efforts in this direction they will have the hearty and cordial support of the medical profession, who have long since pointed out the dangers of this promiscuous self-prescribing. It is to be hoped that they will go a step further, and get after the so-called catarrh cures, containing dangerous drugs, and the correctives for female errors, and thus limit the flagrant and indecent violation of all that is virtuous in our every-day press. It is difficult to understand how editors of high-class newspapers daily permit their columns to be bespattered o'er with gruesome portraits and hideous embellishments; still more difficult is it to comprehend that men of the cloth, who have gravitated into the fourth estate, shut their eyes to these self-same abuses, and connive at wrong-doing. But it is a fact that the columns which smell the foulest in this respect are guided by a cleric editor. The illustrated advertisement of most patent medicines is generally an unsightly and offensive spectacle. Even the physiognomy of the "noted specialist," if it were left out, would not cause the average subscriber to pine for its reproduction.

ANTITOXIN.

Knowing that there was not a good deal, but a great deal, of discontent amongst the members of the Canadian medical profession with regard to the price of antitoxin and a so-called "Trust" in connection with same, we invited each of the four firms in the United States interested in its marketing in Canada, to use our columns. In our correspondence pages will be found communications from three of these firms, one having replied that they would not deem it advisable to give us anything for publication at the present time. We are going to accept in good faith, as we think the profession ought to accept in good faith,