

a deadly poison in advanced or unsuitable cases. Probably when more is known as to its mode of action, it will be possible to do more good by its means, with less risk of harm, than is the case at present. A wider sphere of usefulness will, no doubt, be opened up to it when practitioners have learnt how to combine other methods of treatment with it to the best advantage.

DR. TEMPLE'S PRIVATE HOSPITAL, BELLEVUE HOUSE.—We are pleased to notice the opening of Dr. Temple's new hospital at No. 87 Bellevue Avenue, Toronto. In February, 1889, Dr. T. made a new departure in the City of Toronto, in opening a private hospital for the treatment of diseases of women, and so great has been his success, that it has been found necessary for him to build the present new and commodious hospital at the above address. We are able, from a personal inspection, to say it is one of the best equipped, and most comfortable institutions of the kind to be found on this continent. The sanitary arrangements are of the most modern and approved character, whilst the wards have been arranged with the view of affording as much as possible, the comforts of a home. The head nurse, Mrs. Barton, so favorably known whilst chief nurse of the obstetrical department of Toronto General Hospital, and also of Dr. Thomas' Hospital, New York, is a sufficient guarantee of everything being done for the patients which careful and skilful nursing can do. The operating rooms are well lighted and fitted with beds, so that in serious cases patients need not be moved immediately after operation. The entire establishment is under the personal management and control of Dr. Temple, who, with his staff of trained assistants, attends in every case. Dr. Temple's reputation is so well known, that comment is unnecessary. We regard this institution as particularly well equipped, and it cannot but serve as a boon to the many suffering women of the Dominion of Canada.

SHALL THERE BE COMMERCIAL UNION WITH CANADA OR NOT?—*Public Opinion*, the eclectic weekly of Washington and New York, has just announced the offer of three cash prizes of \$150, \$100, and \$50 respectively for the best three essays upon the question: "Is any extension and development of trade between the United States and

Canada desirable; if so, what are the best means of promoting it?" The topic is particularly timely and the contest will doubtless attract considerable attention.

Full particulars may be had by addressing the publishers of *Public Opinion* at either New York or Washington.

MIXTURE FOR NEURALGIC HEADACHE.—The late Dr. George M. Beard, says the *St. Louis Med. and Surg. Jour.*, devised a mixture which he employed successfully in headaches of all kinds, and which has lately received the endorsement of Dr. E. P. Hurd, in his monograph on neuralgia. The prescription is as follows:—

R.—Caffeini citrate

Ammonii carb. aa ʒ j.

Elixir guaranæ ʒ j.—M.

Sig.—A tablespoonful every hour till the pain is relieved.

The continuous use of the drug does not seem to produce any harm.

NASO-PHARYNGEAL CATARRH is thus treated by Willis: First cleanse parts with peroxide of hydrogen, diluted sufficiently, and then apply the following with spray:

R.—Sodii boro-benzöat,

Fld. Ext. hydrastis. āā ʒ j.

Glycerini. ʒ j.

Acid. carbolic. ℥ xx.

Aquæ camph. ʒ vj.

Aquæ. ʒ vj.

M.—Sig. Use three times per day.

TREATMENT OF JAUNDICE.—Dr. L. E. Samuel says: I have tried many things for the relief of functional jaundice; many drugs highly lauded by "authorities" have in my hands proved of no value; others have seemed to arrest the progress of the trouble and to aid in slow return to health. The most efficient combination I ever found is as follows:

R.—Sodii phosphatis. ʒ ij.

Aquæ pur. fl ʒ j.

M. et ft. solut. et adde:

Tinct. nucis vomicæ. fl ʒ ij.

Tinct. gentian, ad. fl ʒ iv.

M. Sig.—Teaspoonful three times a day.

This will often give relief where every other