

tion of the system against the otherwise fatal influence of the unmodified virus, which has been demonstrated by M. Pasteur, may prove of incalculable value to medical science generally, as has already been demonstrated by him, in preventing the dread malady, anthrax.

During the past summer, following the example of the medical profession, the veterinary held a congress in London, at which this College was ably represented by Dr. Osler, where subjects of great importance to the profession were discussed, and from which great good will no doubt result. On the American continent, in which we are after all most interested, we find that important strides have been made. A regular Veterinary Department has been created at Washington, with Mr. C. Lyman at its head, in connection with the Department of Agriculture, by whom investigations have been conducted and reports published on all reported outbreaks of disease. Besides this, the Treasury Department have appointed a separate commission, consisting of Prof. Law, Mr. Shayer and Mr. Saunders, to enquire specially into pleuro-pneumonia and other contagious diseases. Veterinary surgeons are now appointed to the United States army, port inspectors are about to be appointed, and this year will see that the profession is at last receiving that recognition which is its just due, and which it ought to have received long ago.

It is gratifying too to know that the service of the profession in Canada continues to be appreciated, and has a just claim to the credit of being of some value to the country. It is gratifying also to see that each year a number of our young men graduate in both professions, and, thus acquiring a knowledge of both sciences, place themselves on the same professional and social footing as medical practitioners. The introduction too of practical work in comparative pathology and comparative anatomy into medical courses tends greatly to elevate veterinary medicine, for the comparative pathologist is essentially a student of veterinary science.

I have mentioned that at the beginning of the present century dates the establishment of a few veterinary colleges in Europe