

There is another department concerning which I desire to allude briefly, namely, that of therapeutics. Medicines are now no longer, we hope, administered empirically; the why and wherefore are being inquired into most carefully. How the remedial agents act directly or indirectly on the blood and tissues is the subject of much physiological research. Here comes in a question of the slowing of the heart's action by digitalis and the reduction of febrile states of the system by antipyretics. Much credit is due to the pharmaceutical associations of this country for the elegance of the preparations placed before the profession, so much so that the old British pharmacopœia must undergo considerable modification. There is also a marked advance in dietetics, embracing peptonoids and very digestive materials introduced to tone and assist digestive function. Cod liver oil and its emulsion also occupy an important place as therapeutic adjuncts. And in addition, the triturates so recently introduced are doubtless valuable as means of medicinal administration.

On my way from Boston yesterday I was gratified to read the instructive address of the Hon. Chauncey Depew to the legal profession, in which he referred to the representation of this country. Of the thirty-two presidents, eighteen were members of the legal profession, and during the past one hundred years, in eighty-two of that period the presidential chair has been occupied by legal lights of this country. The bearing of this subject is extremely important, inasmuch as the medical profession is concerned. In the Commons of Canada there are at least fifteen or twenty medical men, and in the Senate also quite a number of members of the medical profession. In the Local Provincial Parliaments our profession is ably represented. Thus we have been enabled to guide and direct public opinion towards the important question of medical education. I listened with pleasure to the report of your committee on this subject, recommending the introduction of a higher standard in this country, both as to preliminary education and subsequent academic study. Having been upwards of twenty-two years consecutively in the Medical Council of Ontario, I have had opportunities of observing the importance of this question. The Local Parliament of Ontario