

advocates the naming of the average dose of drugs, and such a change in the dosage as would make it more easily remembered. Dr. MacAlister recommends the classification of the tinctures in order to make the doses more easily remembered. Extracts, and the various preparations of the same drug might be "standardized" by grouping in a series of decimal gradation. The addition of "dilute," and "fortior" should be abolished by having only one strength of acids and salines in which these words were employed. Dr. J. B. Bradbury said that many of the Galenical preparations and the description of the preparation of the various commercial substances, as chloroform, might be omitted, and their place taken by information as to solubility of substances under varying conditions, and the neutralizing equivalents of the commoner acids and alkalies. A correction of dosage should be made, *e.g.*, H.C.N. dil., liq. ext. ergot, bismuth subnitrate, etc. He would replace the present doses of all drugs by the maximum. Where two solutions of the same drug exist one should be done away with. The metric system should be adopted. Only such new remedies as have proved of undoubted value, as thyroid extract, should be received. Among further comments by others was one on the opium suppository, the $\frac{1}{2}$ grain being considered too large a dose.

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PROFESSOR BENEDIKT.—The following letter received from Dr. Weiss will be of interest to many of our readers :

VIENNA, January 1896.

DEAR SIR,—

It will be 40 years on the 2nd February 1896, that Professor Benedikt commenced his literary career. The undersigned international committee intends together with other friends to give a lasting prove of their sympathy and admiration for the well-known learned man in the form of a „Plaque en Bronze“ showing his portrait.

We take the liberty to invite you to associate with us and to take part at the intended festivity.

In the name of the committee the Honorary Secretary

DOCTOR HEINRICH WEISS,

Vienna, IX., Liechtensteinstrasse 2.

P.S. Letters to be directed to the Honorary Secretary. The prize of one plaque is fixed with 10 Francs.

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TREATMENT OF GASTRIC ULCER.—Dr. W. S. Samson, of Flat, O., in Cincinnati *Lancet-Clinic* for January 11, recommends in the treatment of gastric ulcer, the washing out of the stomach each morning. For this he uses a French tube, No. 9, and a solution of sodii bicarb. in tepid water. Great care is taken in the use of the tube to avoid injuring the viscus, and to perform the operation with as little straining