

Conclusion. The bitters are not of any use in the treatment of disorders of digestion.—*L'Union Medical du Canada.*

HER MAJESTY has conferred the honor of knighthood on Dr. Morell Mackenzie at Balmoral in recognition of the professional services recently rendered by him to the Crown Prince.

THE BINIODIDE TREATMENT OF SCARLET FEVER.—Having satisfied myself of the value of the biniodide of mercury in the treatment of scarlet fever, I recently tried its effect when applied locally to the inflamed throat. Taking two ounces of the bichloride of mercury solution, I carefully added a few drops of a 1 in 4 solution of the iodide of sodium or potassium, shaking the mixture after the addition of each drop, until I secured a cloudy red liquid indicative of the precipitation of the biniodide. To this I added half an ounce of glycerine for the purpose of keeping the particles of

biniodide in suspension. This mixture I applied twice a day with a straight brush in some severe cases of scarlatina anginosa, with the effect of arresting the inflammatory and ulcerative action in a very short space of time. I also injected some of it up the nostrils in one very severe case, in which the disease had extended behind the soft palate, and was causing profuse discharge from the nose, and with excellent effect. In cases where it might be thought advisable to make more frequent applications to the throat, the biniodide thus prepared might be easily applied by the nurse or mother of the patient with a little help. My practice is to introduce the handle of a tablespoon well back on the tongue, and then to apply the brush rapidly and vigorously to the affected parts of the throat. I should think that the same application would prove of great service in diphtheria also.—C. R. ILLINGWORTH, M.D., Clayton-le-Moors.