

Correspondence.

A VISIT TO PARKE, DAVIS & CO'S. LABORATORIES AT DETROIT AND WALKERVILLE.

To the Editor, Maritime Medical News.

Dear Sir:—It was my good fortune by the kind invitation of Mr. E. G. Swift, general manager of the Canadian branch at Walkerville, that I visited the extensive laboratory at Detroit, which is so well known not only in Canada, but throughout the United States, and in many parts of the world.

On my arrival I was most cordially received by Mr Swift and the heads of the different departments, and after spending a very pleasant conversation, there being present Mr. Barker, of St. John, N. B., and Mr. Johnson, of Prince Edward Island, and others, I was placed in the hands of Mr. Harold B. Boulden, who conducted me and explained completely the full details of the different workings of the several departments, and I must here convey my thanks and appreciation for the valuable and instructive information he imparted, and his kind attention paid me while in the city.

Our first visit was to that part of the laboratory which is especially and exclusively used for the storing of crude drugs. Here will be found hundreds upon hundreds of original packages of drugs, as imported direct from different parts of the globe; and it was most particularly interesting to examine the different shapes and kinds of packages in which they are imported. Then proceeding to the next floor we came to the grinding and sifting department where the drugs are prepared to be submitted to the different stages of manufacture. From there we made our way to the basement where the fluid extracts are stored after completion and ready to be bottled, it being estimated that over eight hundred thousand pints were stored and ready for the market.

Our visit to the pill and tablet department was most interesting. It was really wonderful to witness the thousands of pills, tablets and triturates that are daily manufactured; the different kinds of ma-