

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

—From a very interesting report presented to the British Medical Temperance Association it appears that there is a very marked decrease in the amount of alcohol prescribed in 113 hospitals from which a report was received. Collectively the decrease amounts to nearly 50 per cent. as compared with a period twenty-five years ago. There is no doubt that, as a rule, alcohol is too freely and frequently given to hospital patients.

—There is a very instructive lesson to be gathered from the English mortality returns from tuberculosis during the past forty years. In the ten years from 1851 to 1860 the number of deaths from tuberculosis in persons from 15 to 45 years of age amounted to 3,943 in every million. From 1861 to 1870 it had fallen to 3,711. In the following decade, 1871 to 1880, it was 3,194; and from the years 1881 to 1887 it did not exceed 2,666. The decreased rate is more marked in the female than the male sex. It is safe to prophesy that, as our knowledge of this disease increases, the deaths from it will decrease.

—Dr. Sloan of Blyth is a candidate for the representation of the Malahide and Tecumseh division in the Ontario Medical Council. Dr. Sloan is particularly well qualified for the position. For many years he has occupied in the great Huron tract a leading position as a medical practitioner. His popularity in the profession he owes to his ability and sterling integrity. Since the foundation of the Canadian Medical Association he has been one of its most active members, and he has always taken a lively interest in all matters relating to the advancement of the profession. In choosing him as their representative the members of the division will be conferring an honor on one of the most worthy members of the profession in Canada.

—A. Paltauf, Vienna (*Centralblatt f. Path.*) reports four cases where severe injuries and lacerations were not followed by any hemorrhages, though the patients lived ten to thirty minutes after the injury. In all these cases the injuries were multiple,