

out stomach and use castor oil as above. 4. Hot pack as above. 5. Hypodermoclysis, a pint of normal salt solution under the breast every eight hours, but not to be continued unless purging and diaphoresis have set in, for fear of edema of lungs. 6. If convulsions recur, repeat veratrum viride in 5 minim doses every hour, and if after three hours pulse is still bounding and patient cyanosed, perform venesection. 7. Under ordinary circumstances let labor alone.

"We paid no attention to the alienists," said the jurymen in the celebrated case recently before the courts in New York. In fact, one result of that trial was the discredit cast upon expert testimony. Through the sentimentality and hysteria which beclouded that case, that one result stands out clear and distinct. But closer at home, another case which excited some interest, brings out the fact that expert medical testimony is not weighed to much value by the people at large. But medical men are not the only people who can differ on questions of opinion. Indeed, if they were otherwise, and doctors ceased to differ, they might then be classed as wooden-heads. But the public is not satisfied. We doubt if the profession is. The system is at fault; and a better way of determining the right would be to have a medical commission appointed in these cases, whose sole duty would be to act in an advisory capacity to the court, and not be arrayed in opposite camps. This would better serve the ends of justice; and medical experts would in no sense be interested in the case of either the Crown or the defence. They would be simply interested in the ends of justice.

McGill University will have the earnest sympathy of the Canadian medical profession in the very severe loss it has suffered in the destruction by fire of its medical department. Particularly will all unite in sympathizing with Professors Shepherd, Ruttan and Adami, who lost their museums, and the two latter who lost their private libraries, which they kept in the building