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Editorial.

TYPHOID FEVER.

In this issue we give a full account of the discussion on typhoid fever, held at one of the recent meetings of the Montreal Medico-Chirurgical Society. Special discussions of this kind have been arranged for during this and previous seasons, affording most favorable opportunities for presenting the chosen subject in its most recent phases. When a subject is introduced by several speakers who have made exhaustive search in preparing their papers, and then discussed by experienced members, one can expect only the latest, most practical and most correct presentation of what is being discussed.

The salient points of the discussion were the good results reported from the cold bath treatment, which the hospital physicians unreservedly advocated. Many general practitioners were opposed to its general use in private family practice, owing to the difficulty in carrying out the method, and the objection of patients to the discomforts associated with it. There was a general disposition to trust to sponging and cold packs in all but cases with extreme high temperatures. There was no advocacy of any specific antiseptic drug treatment or medication other than the rational use of remedies for associated derangements or complications. It