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Drs. Flexner, Taylor, Amoss, Chesney, and Lewis have done much sound experimental work at the Rockefeller Institute on the treatment of infantile paralysis. One of the observations is that monkeys injected with the virus escape, if they were previously treated intra-spinously with the serum of a monkey which had recovered.

As an outcome of these experiments one of the most interesting chapters in the history of medicine is being written. One may look confidently into the future for the discovery of a cure for infantile paralysis that will take its place with that for cerebro-spinal fever. As the result of observation and experiment, new medicinal methods are being worked out that enable one to inject into a vein agents that are able to control some of the most virulent of infections.

CHINA AND OPIUM.

The Chinese republic has adopted measures for the suppression of the opium habit. This act stands with the abolition of slavery, and far exceeds in importance the temperance acts of Russia and France. In 1907 a form of responsible government was established in China, and since then there has been a steady advance in thought for the betterment of the people.

Those who know best are prepared to state that it was opium more than any other agency that held China back. It was due to the use of this drug, and not to any lethargy in the people, that China fell so far back in the race with other nations. The new leaders of the country saw that so long as the Chinese remained slaves to the use of opium the country would remain asleep. It has been estimated that at least 40 per cent. of the adult population were victims of the opium habit.

In 1907 an edict was issued in China that all persons in the government's employment must give up the use of opium. To aid the Chinese in their efforts to rid themselves of the evil, Britain in 1907 adopted a measure preventing India from exporting opium to China.

The Ontario Medical Association meets in Toronto in the Mining Building, University of Toronto, beginning on the afternoon of May 30th.