

relief is obtained, and thus spare your patient any of the disagreeable effects of the drug.

4. By giving it only once in the twenty-four hours, you are able to give a larger dose than you would be able to do if oftener repeated.

5. By confining the dose to bedtime, the patient's days are, in spite of a large dose, passed in comfort; for, as the morning advances, the dulness of head, confusion of sight, and drought of mouth pass away.

6. You are thus enabled to find out what is the dose for the individual—a very important point. People differ very much in their toleration of belladonna. Some of my patients have been unable to take more than twenty minims once in the twenty-four hours without very unpleasant symptoms; while I have known others able to take a drachm three times in the same interval without any inconvenience. And as they differ in their tolerance of the drug, so do they differ in the dose at which their asthma will yield. The only way to ascertain what that dose is, is to make each case a separate experiment, and this can only be done in the way I describe.

7. By giving the remedy three or four hours before the attack is likely to come on, the treatment becomes prophylactic. If by taking a dose every night for thirty nights the attacks have been for that time prevented, the patient has ceased to be an asthmatic for a month. This is a very different thing from having had thirty attacks in the same time which have been cut short by the remedy. In all "habitual" diseases, in which the recurrence keeps up the tendency, prophylactic treatment has, in relation to final cure, a pre-eminence it does not possess in diseases in which habit has no place. For such diseases it is the treatment. It does more than spare your patient an attack of his malady; it breaks, *pro tanto*, that chain of sequences which is the very life of the morbid tendency.

### Editorial Notices.

At the request of a number of medical men, we this month give the amended Medical Bill.

We believe that some action has already taken place with regard to the election of a representative for the York and midland division in the Medical Council.

It is the generally expressed desire that our present representative will, as early as convenient, call a meeting of the electors, in the city of Toronto, so that the opinion of the profession can be taken upon this important matter.

Wm. Wood & Co., New York, announce the appearance of a new periodical called the Archives of Ophthalmology and Otology. The first number will appear in May, and will consist of about 300 octavo pages of entirely original matter, contributed by men of eminence in this country and in Europe, illustrated by fine engravings and chromo-lithogra-

phic plates. The second number will appear in six months after the first issue. Subscription price—\$7.00 per annum in advance.

### GYNECOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

We have received a copy of the Constitution and By-laws of the Gynecological Society of Boston; the object of which is the advancement of Gynecic science and art.

The founders are: G. H. Bixby, S. L. Dutton, H. M. Field, W. Lewis, J. C. Sharp, H. R. Storer, L. F. Warner, W. G. Wheeler.

Officers.—Winslow Lewis, President; H. R. Storer, Secretary; G. H. Bixby, Treasurer.

### CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE.

We have received from the Canada Life Assurance a statement, showing the advantages they offer over the various American Companies transacting business in these Provinces.

The following are some among the numerous advantages:

- 1st. Less rate.
- 2nd. Assurances granted on payment of half the premium in cash; the remainder to be wiped off by profits.
- 3rd. No notes for unpaid halves.
- 4th. The Policies non-forfeitable.
- 5th. Assets larger.

### NOTICES OF BOOKS RECEIVED.

We have received the following Medical works from the publishing house of Lindsay & Blakistoun, Philadelphia, through W. C. Chewitt & Co., of this city.

History of the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania.

MACKENZIE on the Laryngoscopic, Hoarseness, and Loss of Voice.

GREENHOW on Chronic Bronchitis.

Pronouncing Medical Lexicon, by C. H. CLEVELAND, M.D.

WYTHE'S Pocket Dose Book.

And the following from the publishing house of H. C. Lea, Philadelphia, through the same firm.

FLINT'S Practice of Medicine. Third edition.

Diseases of Children, by J. LEWIS SMITH, M.D.

ELLIS'S Medical Formulary. Twelfth edition, enlarged and improved, by ALBERT H. SMITH, M.D.

Lectures on the Study of Fever, by ALFRED HUDSON, M.D., F.R.I.A.

Essentials of the Principles and Practice of Medicine, by HENRY HARTSHORNE, M.D. Second edition.

Half-yearly abstract Medical Sciences.