

fever, I have been in the habit of considering it a self-limited disease, and have trusted more to *vis medicatrix naturæ* than to strict therapeutics. My plan, for which I do not claim any special merit, consist in placing the patient in the best and most easily ventilated available room, enjoining quiet and the strictest cleanliness. I attach importance to directing the exact kind and quantity of diet, and the intervals at which it should be given; and this minuteness is especially necessary when stimulants are administered. The secretions are then attended to, and any local symptoms as they arise. I have found this "let alone" method much more satisfactory than any meddlesome effort I have ever made to "break" the fever and shorten its duration.

The re-opening of the Toronto general hospital during the summer, with additions to the medical staff, has been viewed with very general satisfaction, by both the profession and the public, and it cannot be otherwise considered than as a subject for lively congratulation that the Premier of Ontario is not only willing but that the people are ready to sustain him, in any effective scheme he may devise for relieving this noble charity from its embarrassments, and developing the humane purpose for which it was established to the utmost capacity of the institution. It is to be hoped that the present session of the Ontario legislature will not be allowed to close until a scheme shall have been adopted for providing ample means, in an equitable manner, for liberally endowing an institution, whose appeals are prompted by christian principle and made to our common humanity. To fail, in this respect, would be a reproach to us, as a christian people. It is to be hoped too, that the increased liberality of the hospital endowment will place within the reach of the trustees and medical staff the utmost facility for the classification of patients, and for the isolation of contagious disease. One cannot help shuddering at the bare possibility of a patient undergoing some slight surgical operation, and while an inmate of the hospital, contracting, and, perhaps, falling a victim to some malignant, contagious disease; on account of defective classification. Such a possibility should not be allowed to exist, for any mere money consideration, in this Augustan age of science and philanthropy.

The formation of the "Canada Medical Association," and the success in point of numbers and debating ability of those attending its first meetings is to my mind, a subject for the liveliest congratulation. The work however, so far, has been of an initiatory or preliminary character, almost exclusively, and although many questions of great interest to the profession and the public at large, came before the notice of the association, yet I think it will be conceded that it remains for the next annual meeting