

toxines. In a cool place this serum is supposed to keep for two or three months.

One of the features of this treatment is that paralysis appears to be less frequent than after the usual methods. It seems to control the toxines of the disease and lessen the tendency to paralysis. It does not appear to have much influence in controlling the membrane or the bacillus. Its power seems to be directed against the toxines of the disease.

Before definite conclusions can be drawn from its use, a large number of cases must be treated. Medical men will be glad to hear further from such men as Aronson, Behring, Roux, Yersin, and others. So far it appears that the remedy has come to stay.

The Patrons and Public Appreciation of Our Profession.

IN these days when rampant Radicalism and class prejudice threaten to overthrow the safeguards which have been thrown about our profession, and free trade in medicine is held up to the public as the ideal condition, when columns of vituperative misstatement of fact are taken as the very Gospel, when to be a member of the profession is to be at a political disadvantage, it is gratifying to observe in the *Illustrated London News*, of November 10th, a double-page portrait-group of the leaders of the profession in England. The accompanying letterpress is sympathetic and appreciative: "There is no profession," says the *News*, "requiring a higher degree of intellectual culture and proficiency in special studies not within the comprehension of ordinary laymen, the practical utility and even necessity of which, for the social welfare and for the preservation of families and of individuals, will be universally admitted. Modern physicians have found means to preserve for many years the lives of invalids who would, in former generations, have died early." And much more in a similar strain. It is passing strange that the *News* considers that there are medical subjects "not within the comprehension of ordinary laymen," while the *Farmers' Sun* "knows it all!" The editor of the *London News* must be a very "ordinary layman." He should come out here to get pointers. We may be pardoned if we remark that we do not know how to run a farm, not having been brought up to the business. But it strikes us as singular that those who presumably do have also to wrestle with mortgages first; second, and chattel in abundance. It appears to us, and we desire to express ourselves