

In parturition there was now little occasion for the use of bleeding to overcome causes of delay. In the warm douche, belladonna, and chloroform, we had better means of softening the os. Its chief use now, at this period, was to prevent threatened convulsions or apoplexy, by relieving spinal or cerebral congestion. This it would do where the tendency to convulsions was owing to over-stimulation of the nervous system from excess of blood, or to pressure from the same cause. Again, when the danger was dependent on uræmia, this measure was of cardinal importance. The speaker fully concurred with Dr. Richardson, that in cases of uræmic poisoning, where the urine is almost suppressed, where the convulsions are strong, and the coma is deep, there is no remedy so sure as the lancet. To bleed is to remove tension from the brain, to remove congestion from the lung and make free the breathing, to remove congestion from the kidney and restore its functional activity. Moreover, it should be considered that we are at the same time removing with the blood the poisonous material with which it is charged. Of two animals, each with the function of one kidney suppressed, one will live if, when uræmic convulsions appear, blood be drawn; the other, let alone, will die.

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We have been given to understand that the draft of the proposed Dominion Medical Bill, as submitted at the last meeting of the Canadian Medical Association at Ottawa, together with the amendments caused by the Association, have been printed. They will at once be distributed by the Secretary as thoroughly as possible, to the members of the Profession throughout the Dominion. We bespeak for it a careful and candid examination, so that when the Association meets in September next at Quebec there will be a universal demand from every Province for its adoption. If we as a profession desire to assume our proper position, it can only be by united effort, and the burying of sectional jealousy. Let this be done, and we believe a bright future awaits us.

We are glad to learn from many quarters that our reports of the meetings of the Medico Chirurgical Society of Montreal have been read with much interest by our subscribers. Thus far this Society has been successful beyond the most sanguine expectations of its promoters.