

OUR "MEDICAL DEPARTMENT."

We have received many letters testifying to the interest which our readers take in the Medical Department. Several have been led to realize that the diseases of the teeth may lead to local and constitutional conditions, where the functions of the dentist should cease, and the cases transferred to regular medical practitioners and surgeons; while, on the other hand, a lively interest has been awakened among our medical exchanges, and more attention is paid to the importance of the early care of the teeth. We are pleased to reprint the valuable addition to this line of thought from the *Montreal Medical Journal*. The two professions cannot ignore each other in this connection. The medical man is really the first one who can educate the parents on the functional value of the deciduous as well as the early permanent teeth of the child. The dentist could do much more for the preservation of the child's teeth, if the family physician would impress upon parents the importance of early examination.

Editorial Notes.

It has been observed by a number of our readers, that upon every occasion, with an exception or two, which was justified from personal experience, when the praise of a proprietary compound was mentioned, we expunged the name of the article. Upon two occasions we treated Phillips' Milk of Magnesia in this way, simply because we knew nothing about it personally, and took the most of what we heard, with a large quantity of suspicion. The following extract from Dr. E. C. Kirk, editor of the *Cosmos*, expresses changes of opinion of our own and many others we know: "A method for locally counteracting the injurious action of acid secretions, especially in erosin cases, and which has given me greater satisfaction than any other means which I have hitherto employed, is by the use of a preparation known to the drug trade as Phillips' Milk of Magnesia, which consists of a precipitated magnesium hydrate held in suspension in water. It is to be applied in the same way that lime-water or precipitated chalk is used for the