

at the same time, and in the same degree than is the case with chloroform.

If then all anaesthetists would insist upon complete anaesthesia before even the simplest operation was proceeded with, we should hear less frequently of the fatal results of "a few whiffs," when death is not really due to the use of the anaesthetic, but to the shock, consequent upon its not being pushed far enough before the operation was begun.

NEW MEDICAL SCHOOL.

A few remarks as to the proposed new Medical Faculty in Toronto University will be pertinent at this time, though perhaps the profession in the country at large is not so deeply interested as some few in Toronto would have us believe. With two efficient medical schools in full blast, many may think the necessity for the establishment of a third is out of the question. Neither Trinity nor Toronto school seems willing to forego the advantages they now possess, and surely the number of men who are being qualified every year is sufficient. As to the efficiency of the medical schools now in existence here, the rank their graduates hold both in the United States and Britain, is an assurance that they are not inefficient. Canadian graduates are generally looked upon in England and Scotland as being well up in their work so far as college training goes, but as a rule have not the same practical knowledge as their confrères who have spent their entire college course at one of the large hospitals in London or Edinburgh. Now the establishment of a new college cannot, so far as we can see, increase the facilities of our students, for clinical instruction or observation. A considerable difficulty in this matter is, that any such establishment of a medical faculty in connection with the University, would *practically* put an end to the affiliation of other medical schools with that institution, which would we think be a misfortune, as regards medical education in this Province. Again, the proposition that the University shall borrow the funds necessary to equip the new school, will not we fear meet with general approval. With two established schools in Toronto, it would be a long time before such a debt would be cleared off, if the fees of the students were the only means at the disposal of the faculty for that purpose.

The existing medical schools have been steadily improving year by year in attendance and equipment. The members of the Faculty of Trinity Medical School alone have spent ten thousand dollars within a short time, in increasing the efficiency of their school. And other schools have been working in the same spirit, so that, to-day, medical education in Ontario is, to say the least, on a solid basis, and such as we need not be ashamed of:

The number of students in medicine, presenting themselves for degrees at Toronto University, has been comparatively small of late years. But this is due largely to the fact that certain subjects are required by the University, which are not in the curriculum of the Medical Council. Any one who knows what the burdens of a medical student's life are, will readily understand, that few indeed are the individuals who will add to their own burdens, or will shoulder those which may be avoided. Comparative anatomy is all very well, and the more a man reads the broader will be his field, but we hold that the mass of medical students in Canada are not in a position to read science for the sake of science, and that the time now required to be spent on biology might be better spent in, say, human anatomy, as indeed it is so spent by all other students than those whose love for Toronto University impels them to accept this additional work, for the sake of possessing her degree, a number, which we are sorry to say, is very small. It is easy for those who have not gone through the work required of a medical student, to philosophize and point out the advantages and beauties of science, etc., but those who have gone through the said work *know*, that with such students as are now coming up for medical education, it is not wise to require this additional work. Let the Senate assimilate the Medical Curriculum of the University to that of the Medical Council, and continue to examine as heretofore in medicine; and there will be no lack of students from every affiliated school, who will be only too glad to present themselves for her degrees in medicine.

CONSERVATIVE SURGERY.

Conservative surgery has been the text for many editorial sermons, and yet it is a fit subject for the pen. Verily there are surgeons and there are sur-