

the medical profession. "The drunkard," he said, "has been in the past the one for whom the profession could do very little. We could send him to one of the homes at Quebec or Guelph, and shut him away from temptation for six months or a year, and give him tonics; but when he was allowed to return to his friends, in the great majority of cases he simply went back to his old habits. The craving was there, and soon asserted itself. If we tried to do anything for him ourselves it resolved itself into some tonic preparation and some good advice, and that was all. We said: 'For God's sake, man, behave yourself,' and the poor man answered: 'I will, doctor, I will behave myself. I'll never touch another drop,' and inside of ten minutes, or as quick as his feet could take him, he was standing at a bar drinking as he had for years." Dr. Edwards endeavours to show that this overmastering appetite can be quickly and effectually subdued by hypodermic injections of chloride of gold and sodium; that gold has a potency simply astonishing in subduing this diseased condition, and that it will remain subdued as long as the drunkard may wish,—that is, if he ever drinks again after taking the treatment, it will not be *in the first place* from any inducement from within but from inducement from without. The paper presents us facts of the deepest interest, and these facts have been carefully tabulated by Dr. Edwards, who has made this subject a matter of almost daily study since 16th November, 1893. He has given in that time over 4000 hypodermic injections of gold, and his experiences and close observation becomes now a matter of deep interest to the profession generally. The paper was read a second time in Ottawa on January 24th. The facts and conclusions and evidence of Dr. Edwards will soon be put to the test, and if his teaching on this subject meets the endorsement of the profession generally, a blessing will have been conferred upon the world, the magnitude of which is not easily estimated. We sincerely hope it may be so, and it will be a source of pleasure and gratification if from the ranks of the Canadian profession a man has been chosen to throw light upon a subject hitherto shrouded in the deepest darkness. But as other methods have given apparently as brilliant results as claimed by Dr. Edwards, we must await the verdict of time and further experience before concluding that inebriety, which is always a manifestation of reduced nervous centres, can be cured by any drug.