

to the homes and become acquainted with the home life of the family.

Already this has been put in practice in some of the large cities with most promising results. When this is the case, Christian Science and Emmanuel movements will cease and the patent medicine business will get its quietus. Epidemics will be speedily checked or prevented altogether. This is the ideal towards which practical medicine is leading, and for it he will receive proper compensation for his skill and judgment. It is a pure growth from lower to higher ideals, and neither legislation, examining boards, nor college regulations will bring it about. Quackery and ignorance will take care of themselves.

Destroy machine-like demonstrations, break up narrow materialistic views, make college training practical and the great question of finding the right man for the right place will be solved.

Begin revolution and evolution in the medical colleges first; and before the end of the century the medical profession will lead the triumphant march.

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#### ASTHMA.

Weiss (*Therapie der Gegenwart*) states that an inhalation of an atropine spray or painting the nasal mucosa with atropine-cocaine solution frequently arrests an attack of asthma. The region behind the uvula, the tonsils and their vicinity is the seat of the spasmodic contraction. Free the respiration centre from morbid reflex stimuli and the action of toxins and there will be no further disturbance so long as the paralyzing action of the drug lasts on the region mentioned.

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#### WOUNDS.

The treatment of wounds with alcohol according to H. T. Bahnson (*Int. Jour. Surgery*) exhibits two principles, namely, absolute rest of affected limb and the envelopment of the whole limb in a loose, voluminous dressing of gauze and absorbent cotton, kept constantly wet with 15 to 20 per cent. solution of alcohol in a saturated solution of boric acid, to which Ochsner adds 5 per cent. carbolic acid solution one part. Cover to prevent evaporation and retain warmth. The whole dressing should be kept wet and the dressing should be renewed in forty-eight hours. The second dressing is usually sufficient to entirely overcome the sepsis. If the case demands it Bahnson uses pure alcohol.