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*On the Administration of Chloroform.* By FRANCIS W. CAMPBELL, M.D., L.R.C.P., London; Member Royal Medical Society, Edinburgh, and of the Dublin Microscopic Society, Physician to the Montreal Dispensary and Infirmary for Diseases of Women and Children.

There can be no doubt that the administration of chloroform should be entirely confined to those who have had a regular medical education, and who are legally entitled to practise. The idea entertained by many that the management of the inhalation of chloroform vapor is one where no science is required, is as wrong as it is pernicious; not that death from this anæsthetic will not occur even in the most skilful hands, but that the danger may be reduced to its minimum. He that has entrusted into his hands an agent, which may, almost without a moment's warning, bring about dangerous symptoms, should be able to view the situation with calmness, and put into immediate requisition all the latest known means for resuscitation. How is this to be accomplished if the operator is unskilled, uneducated for the position he attempts to fill? I am led to make these remarks from the occurrence of a fatal case from the administration of chloroform, in the town of Port Hope, in the commencement of August last. From the evidence taken at the inquest it appears that a Mrs. Robinson was desirous of having seven teeth extracted, and for that purpose visited the office of Messrs. Waid and Watrass. She was placed in the chair, and a Mr. Chambers, who was present, proceeded to administer chloroform. As regards the mechanical means used for its administration no fault can be found; but we have no evidence to show that the condition of the patient was being closely watched while the anæsthetic was being inhaled. Who was noticing the pulse, the respiration, the eye—all essential safeguards to be attended to in its administration?