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Arrangements are now being made to secure the assistance of many eminent physicians and surgeons in New York and Philadelphia, by whose aid we hope to be able to furnish a reasonable number of original articles in addition to those produced by Canadian medical men. Negotiations are also being made with many eminent European authorities for the same purpose. There will also be a regularly engaged staff correspondent in each important medical centre, whose special duty will be to report interesting matters occurring in hospital practice, and the new management confidently anticipates in the CANADA LANCET a production worthy the continued support and confidence of the medical profession of Canada.

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the entire control of the editorial department of the journal during the past two years. All matters of a business nature should be addressed to Charles Sheard, M.D., 314 Jarvis St., and all editorial matter to Dr. J. L. Davison, 12 Charles St., Toronto.

TREATMENT OF SCARLET FEVER.

This very serious disease has almost as many different modes of treatment as there are physicians in practice. Few specifics are vaunted for its cure, though there are not many diseases which have not had, at one time or another innumerable alleged specific remedies proposed and certified to by the profession. Mild cases are often the most troublesome, for the patients being mostly children are with difficulty kept in bed or even in one room, and as some of the most dangerous sequelæ only show themselves after the disease has been running for a number of days, this confinement does not always commend itself to the parents, who are with difficulty made to understand the necessity for it. Thus in a mild case, when the child has been playing about the house, as bright and animated as usual, and complaining of but little discomfort, the disease may not be diagnosed with certainty for some days; yet when the dangerous period approaches great care must be taken that the proper hygienic measures are carried out, or what at the outset appeared a simple case may end very unpleasantly or even fatally. Even in mild cases a certain amount of angina and blood deterioration are present, so that some medication is necessary. The old fashioned mixture containing pot. chlor., and tinct. ferri mur., with simple syrup, will prove perhaps as useful as any, by acting upon the throat and tending to prevent the anemia which so frequently follows scarlet fever. The amount of pot. chlor. should to be small, as it acts prejudicially upon the kidneys, producing in some cases uremia and suppression of urine.

For high temperatures the wet pack, or sponging, or a bath gradually cooled down is indicated; but though the profession generally recognizes the usefulness of this therapeutic measure, as also its complete safety, it is rarely resorted to in private practice, for the reason that the public hold still to the belief that the application of cold is dangerous.