

Editorials,

The Bacillus of Typhoid Fever.

DR. SIDNEY MARTIN, of University College, London, and Croonian lecturer, devotes a good deal of attention to the above subject, in his recent lectures. From a study of these lectures we gather several very important opinions.

In the first place there is, in many respects, a very close resemblance in the biological characteristics of the typhoid bacillus, the bacillus enteritidis of Gärtner and the bacillus coli communis.

In the next place, the virulency of the typhoid bacillus is greatly increased by its method of culture. This throws a good deal of light on the difference in the severity of attacks of this disease.

Further, the author argues that, though some strong arguments have been advanced to show that typhoid fever is a general disease, he is of the opinion that it is local to begin with, the germ finding its way into the intestinal canal first; and from thence, into the spleen, urine and blood.

Then again, in some cases of typhoid fever, there appears to be pure infection; but in many others, there is a mixed infection, as the bacillus coli, and Gärtner's bacillus became much more virulent during the course of typhoid, and consequently they often play an important part in the general results. Cases in which there is infection by the bacillus coli, during the course of typhoid, have been observed to give rise to abdominal abscesses and cystitis.

The Medical Council and the "Medical Review."

At the recent meeting of the Medical Council, a number of the topics that occupied a large share of the time and attention of the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, are those which THE CANADIAN MEDICAL REVIEW has frequently dealt with. Among these subjects we may mention the following: "The infamous methods to which some resort in the conduct of their practices;" "Lodge and contract practice;" "The abuse of hospitals and charities;" "Dominion Registration;" and the fact that three members sit in the Council for bodies that have no medical existence.

Dr. Barrick made a proper move when he asked that at the next