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*The following is a summary of the latest report received from
Dr. Hamish Boyd, Director of the Institute.*

Promising progress has been made in the past year with the help of physiologists from outside, and a new type of apparatus has been evolved inside the laboratory, which is capable of detecting the presence in a solution, of potencies up to the 15th. This strength, the report states, is equivalent to 1 gramme of the substance dissolved in a loch, 200 miles long, 1 mile wide and 6ft. deep.

This method, it is suggested, may in time be used to assess the exact amount of drug in a preparation of unknown concentration, in much more advanced dilution than has hitherto been possible.

The design of this original apparatus, and the results already obtained, have aroused the interest of physiologists outside the laboratory, and a preliminary paper on this aspect will shortly be published.

A Demonstration before the Physiological Society

A demonstration of the instrument and its technique was recently given in London before the Physiological Society.

It is proposed to carry out further experiments on drug dilutions with mechanical shock, to ascertain whether this in any way alters their activity.

Work is also being done on what is called Vittoz Effect, the presence of small vibrations of the surface of the human body.

The report ends with Dr. Boyd's thanks to all concerned, for the financial and other help which makes the continuance of this important work possible.

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