

1. *Insufficient Ventilation and Sunlight.*—With regard to the bacilli, it is certainly true that they “love darkness rather than light,” I suppose “because their deeds are evil.” However, we are certain if we could drive them out of their favorite haunts of darkness and dirt, soon their virulency and aggressiveness would be much diminished.

2. *Insanitary Conditions.*—We all know that this is eminently a dirt disease. It should therefore be placed among the commonly known seven zymotic diseases. In this connection allow me to quote the words of Professor P. Brouardel of Paris taken from his paper read at the great conference on tuberculosis held in London a few weeks ago. He says “Before the scientists I have just mentioned had actually made known their discoveries you English people had already begun the struggle. Convinced by observation that tuberculosis thrived in dark and damp dwellings, in 1836 nearly seventy years ago, you passed a law providing for the construction of healthy houses. And since that date your zeal has not abated. You have with admirable perseverance passed more than ten Acts of Parliament; you have rendered salubrious the dwellings of the poor; the work-shop, the town and the whole kingdom.”

*Density of Population.*—It is a matter of common observation that tuberculosis is not only more prevalent but more rapidly fatal in those communities where people are huddled together in conditions of poverty. I copy here a table by Dr. J. B. Russell to the Philosophical Society of Glasgow taken from the *Hygiene of Transmissible diseases* by Abbott, which shows the truth of the above as found in Glasgow.

Table showing death rate per 100,000 from certain classes of diseases in various sized houses :

	One and Two Rooms.	Three and Four Rooms.	Five Rooms and Upward.
Zymotic diseases .....	478	246	114
Acute diseases of lungs, including consumption ...	985	689	328
Nervous diseases and diseases of nutrition .....	480	235	91

It is gratifying to see that efforts are everywhere being made to eradicate this plague. In Canada, it hurts me to say it, we are woefully behind in this respect. The attention of our Governments and our wealthy men should be persistently and emphatically directed to this great need. Although the public doubtless is grateful for millions spent on public libraries in their interests, yet it does seem to me that some millions spent