

compulsory notification of all cases of pulmonary tuberculosis. The names will be kept secret, but steps taken to prevent the spread of the disease. The fee for the notification of each case is two shillings and six pence.

A very important announcement is made to the effect that Dr. Charles E. de M. Sajons has become the editor-in-chief of the *New York Medical Journal*. Those who are familiar with the splendid work of Dr. Sajons in the cause of medical literature will be ready to congratulate the publishers of the *New York Medical Journal*.

The *Johns Hopkins Hospital Bulletin* for December has two highly appreciative articles of the great work that Prof. Robert Koch did for scientific medicine. As one reads these articles the thought comes into one's mind how much the world is the richer for his life's work. It may be said that the foundation on which our knowledge of infectious diseases is built was laid by him. He worked out the life history of anthrax, tuberculosis, cholera, relapsing fever, infectious conjunctivitis. One of his pupils, Gaffky, solved typhoid fever; Loeffler, diphtheria and glanders; Pfeiffer, influenza; and Kitasato, tetanus and bubonic plague. This is a great monument to any one man.

Sir Samuel Wilks died on 8th November in London in his 87th year. He obtained his degree in medicine in 1850 and became attached to Guy's Hospital, where he did his great work. He was assisted with the late Dr. Moxon in those remarkable pathological investigations that made their names famous, along with that of Sir William Gull. He held many important offices at the hands of the medical profession.

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## OBITUARY.

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### WILLIAM CAW, M.D.

Dr. Wm. Caw, who located in Parkhill forty-eight years ago when but twenty-one years of age, and who had practised medicine there ever since, died at his home on Sunday, 17th December. His generosity, his sympathy, his devotion to his profession, and his utter disregard of his own personal ailments endeared him to a large circle. He graduated from Victoria College in 1866. Hundreds attended the public funeral service in the church, and if the tears of genuine sorrow shed for him and the broken words of love and esteem which were spoken of him constitute riches, then Dr. Caw was rich indeed in those things which