

When we come to the bacillus tuberculosis we meet with several well-marked features of pulmonary consolidation. First, there is acute phthisis with a course, often of only a few weeks. The consolidation usually begins at the apices, and spreads rapidly. The expectoration becomes opaque and purulent. The crepitation is not fine and even as in true pneumonia; but there are chills, high temperature and the general appearance of ordinary pneumonia. A search for the bacillus tuberculosis clears up the case. Then, secondly, there may be a combination of the two processes, namely pneumonia and tuberculization.

In typhoid fever about 12 per cent. suffer from pulmonary congestion. This is a typical infective inflammation. In a certain number of cases the pneumonic symptoms appear first, and later those characteristic of enteric fever. This fact shows that the lung trouble is due to the typhoid bacilli.

In woolsorters' disease there is a good instance of the infecting germ entering by way of the respiratory organs. It is a noteworthy fact in these cases that the pulmonary aspects are first seen and constitute the main features of the disease. It has been called for this reason pulmonary anthrax.

In these diseases the pulmonitis is due to local action of the specific poisons. This view is borne out both by experiment on the lower animals, and by bacteriological research on man.

The Victorian Order of Nurses.

It was the opinion of most persons that once their Excellencies took their departure from Toronto we would not hear much more of the Victorian Order. This seems to have been a correct view. We confess to feeling a good deal of sympathy with the Countess of Aberdeen in this matter. In the first place, her advisers acted unwisely in recommending her to undertake the task. This country is not in need of such an order. In the next place, when they did advise her, they should have stood by her to assist this order into existence. Some one moved and some one seconded a resolution for a large committee at one of the Toronto meetings. This committee was to co-operate here in aiding the scheme. We do not hear so far of anything being done. We think if those on the committee did not intend to do something energetic, it would have been a kindness to her Excellency if they had remained at home and not led her into false expectations.