

vails among cattle and hogs, hence infected meat and milk are agents of dissemination.

That consumption is due to tubercle bacillus is without doubt, as is also the fact that everyone having the disease becomes to a greater or less extent a centre of dissemination—hence the value of sanitariums, of which, since the crusade against consumption started, Germany has erected eighty-three. A number are also in operation in Canada, the United States and other countries.

Among remedial and preventive agencies direct sunlight, putrefaction and desiccation soon destroy the germs, and these facts point the way to the treatment of the disease. Cities, also, in Canada and in some other countries have aided in the work of prevention to some extent by municipal regulations or directions against expectoration in public places, such as street cars, railway stations, etc. The movement has also shown the imperative necessity for better regulation of factories and other places where many human beings are crowded together at work under unsanitary conditions. Health departments have in many instances provided against the spread of consumption from articles of food by applying the tuberculine test to meat and milk. The latter should be sterilized and thorough cooking of meat is also an aid.

As to treatment the eminent specialists at Berlin congress had little new to say. The disease, of course, should be attacked in its earlier stages. Open air, sunlight, rest, and dry soil for the home, good digestion and contentment and an abundance of strong food are recommended.

It is to be hoped that the coming congress in Chicago may add at least to the general knowledge of the world in regard to the dissemination and treatment of this terrible affliction. One good effect at least will be the direction of public attention to the disease, which is one of the most destructive and also the most difficult with which medical science has to deal.—*Selected.*

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DR. ALEX. MCPHEDRAN expects to move into his magnificent new residence on Bloor Street West about May next.

DR. E. H. STAFFORD, of the Asylum for Insane, Toronto, who was recently granted six months' leave of absence from the Ontario Asylum Service by the Government in view of the havoc wrought upon his health by the long-continued confinement of his position in the Institution, is spending the remainder of the winter at Bocas del Toro in the West Indies, where we trust he will be much benefited by the climate and return to Canada completely restored to his wonted health. Colonel Bell, of Peterboro, has been appointed to the position vacated by Dr. Stafford.