

surely we can insist that when he is no longer able to go about he must be isolated, either at home or in a special ward in a hospital. This is not only necessary in the interests of the public, but in his own interest as well. A patient so isolated can be more successfully treated, his unfortunate condition can be rendered more bearable, and the hope of ultimate recovery is just as good, if not better, than when he is left to his own devices.

One point more. The Provincial Board of Health advises that all cases of tuberculosis be reported just as are cases of scarlet fever, small-pox, etc. We agree with them. Were this done we are confident that more stringent measures of disinfection of a patient's clothing, bedding and his room would be carried out. Further, we believe were this done friends would be more cautious about going and sitting in the room with a tuberculous patient. Again, we believe that if the history of a house were followed up it would be found that a house which has been inhabited by a tuberculous patient becomes a source of infection to others. The building becomes impregnated with the germs of disease, and new families moving into it are liable to become infected. This is because up to the present time no systematic destruction of tuberculous expectorations has been insisted upon, and no thorough disinfection of the rooms occupied by tuberculous patients carried out.

SEWAGE PURIFICATION BY BACTERIA.

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DURING the past winter and spring, the writer visited nearly all of the important Sewage Disposal Works in Great Britain, giving particular attention as an Engineer, to the practical experiments now being carried on at different places, and carefully inspecting recent installations of the Dibdin Bed System and the Septic Tank System.

The following paper may be considered as a summary of the results of the writer's observations.