

THE Ontario Provincial Board of Health it appears favors the establishment of Municipal Hospitals and Sanitaria for Consumptives ; and does not see any logical reason why Municipal and State Government aid should not be given to such. In this, this Journal is in accord with the board.

DR. KEELEY, of Dwight, Ills., surgeon of the Chicago and Alton Railroad, claims to have discovered a method of treatment which, in a few weeks, permanently destroys the appetite for liquor. The basis of the cure is said to be the double bichloride of gold internally, together with hypodermics combining food principles with an *alcoholic preparation*. In this way five thousand patients are declared to have been treated with only 5 per cent. of failures.

THE FALLACY of "clearness" as a test of water purity is well shown, by Mayor Powell, director of the U. S. geological survey. He is protesting against a proposal to pipe water to the executive mansion at Washington from a "clear" spring, which he says is presumably polluted with the sewage from vaults and cess-pools. He adds: "By a long series of experiments undertaken with a view of determining economic methods of precipitating, and thus removing the finely divided clay contained in the waters supplied in cities, it was found that there were many different mineral substances, each of which would cause the precipitation of the clay added to the water in small amounts, clarifying in appearance the water, but the most powerful precipitant—the one which produced the result by the most minute addition—was sewage. From the point of view of the Sanitarian the limpid purity of the spring and well is a suspicious quality.

THE National Health Society of England has just received a contribution from the Duke of Westminster of £100, and an increase in his annual subscription of £20, in view of the useful work of the Society in inaugurating a system of lectures among the poor on house sanitation, &c. Such an association in Canada would be a convenient channel through which the philanthropic could do good with their contributions.

THE Devonshire, Eng., County Council, co-operating with the National Health Society, are sending trained teachers and lecturers through Devonshire, with the view to extend the knowledge of the means of preventing common ailments, the selection and preparation of wholesome food, &c. In noticing the fact the *Lancet*

says: "It is impossible to overestimate the mischief which now results from ignorance, but if the ordinary means of prevention of disease and the laws of health can be made general knowledge, a great advance will be made."

THE telephone is not entirely free from danger. In Paris, France, an operator sounded an alarm in the usual way, and the signal of attention from the other end being given, he placed the receiver to his ear, and at once received an electric shock which caused him to fall to the floor, with the instrument still in hand. No serious consequences, however, followed.

AN important discovery has apparently been made by M. Mandereau, of Besancon, which, if corroborated, will permit of the easy recognition of tubercle in cattle. M. Mandereau found tubercle bacilli in the aqueous humour of the eye in more than a score of bovines suffering from various stages of the disease, even in the very early stages, it appears.

LANDLORDS, in England, the courts have held, are liable for damages in case of disease of tenants from defective drains, &c., on condition that the landlord had warranted the premises to be in a good sanitary condition. Tenants should bear this in mind.

TEMPERANCE has long been the law of the land in Norway, and now it is found that ether drinking is common there, too, among all classes, old and young, even by society-belles, as a "pick me up." Alas! seven worse devils came back after the house had been swept and garnished, and the last stage was worse than the first. Will prohibitionists take a note of this, and be persuaded that prohibition will never succeed until specific diseases be about banished, and the masses are educated up into a more vigorous, self-sustaining condition, in which there will be little or no desire for stimulants.

THE notification of infectious disease is making fair progress in England. Fifty-five "authorities," with a population of over 6,000,000, now require measles to be reported; whooping cough is notified in 14 districts. It is now suggested that influenza, or it appears the grip, be included as within the notification act.

A FRENCH physician, Briand, treats consumption in this way: Slowly accustoming the patient to the action of the air, he first opens the window, then moves the bed on which the subject is lying every day a little nearer to it. The last stage of the cure consists in sleeping in the open air regardless of wind, rain or snow. It is