

eases should be burnt or otherwise destroyed. The President remarked that very little doubt now remained that earth worms conveyed infection to the surface of the ground. The importance of physicians reporting to the Central Board of Health all cases treated by them during the year was insisted on; also that the officers of the Local Boards of Health should be medical officers. After alluding to the discoveries of Pasteur in regard to chicken cholera, charbon, &c., he expressed a hope that soon all infectious diseases would be produced in a modified form, so that people might be protected from their ravages by inoculation of the poison in a diluted condition. Next the discoveries of Klebs in reference to the effect of water washing away ague germs were alluded to, and the importance of Koch's investigations concerning the existence of a tubercle bacillus was discussed. Finally, this most eloquent and instructive address concluded with a few well chosen remarks on the necessity of educating the public on health matters generally, and the hearty co-operation of the members of the Association in this great work was solicited.

It being now 12 o'clock an adjournment took place, and on reassembling at 2 p.m. a number of papers were read.

The first paper was read by Dr. Worthington, of Clinton, on *Diphtheria*. The principal treatment advised was the application of cold externally and internally, supporting the patient with free use of brandy, beef tea, milk, and quinine gr. ii every two to three hours. It was also advised that the throat should be brushed with acid carbol. 1-80, and sometimes a spray of nitric acid used. Dr. Worthington held that cold applied to the throat best controlled the inflammation in the larynx and lowered the temperature. A number of cases were detailed.

Dr. Philip, of Brantford, next read a paper on the *Antiseptic Method of Treating Phthisis*, in which paper he adopted the views of Dr. McKenzie, of Edinburgh, viz., the use of continuous inhalation of carbolic acid. Dr. Philip held that if the disease was of septic parasitic origin, then this method of treatment was the most rational one. The inhaler should be used 8 to 10 hours a day. Dr. Philip has drawn his deductions from too few a