

OUT-DOOR LIFE IN INCIPIENT CONSUMPTION.—The *Journal de Médecine et Chirurgie, Paris*, (*Pacific Med. & Surg. Four.*), in giving a brief summary of an article on "Camping Out," says, with reference to out-door life in threatened phthisis: 'It is remarkable that Dr. Gibbons should press this subject at the same moment when an important communication from Doctor Langneau directed the attention of the Academy of Paris to the influence of the exclusion of out-door air in the development and aggravation of phthisis among the labouring classes.'

AT WOLVERTON A meeting has been held at the Town Hall, the Mayor in the chair, and a 'Ladies' Sanitary Association' formed for the diffusion of knowledge in sanitary matters among the wives of working men. Lord Wrottesley and many of the leading clergy and townsmen were present, and a number of ladies.

SOME WELL-KNOWN analytical chemists have made an analysis of violet powder sold for use in the nursery, and they find that it contains 25 per cent. of white arsenic. The discovery of this important fact has been the result of observing quite an epidemic among children of a disease resembling erysipelas, which in several cases proved fatal.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR-GENERAL OF THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO, FOR THE YEAR 1876.

This is the largest and most comprehensive statistical report that has ever been issued in Ontario, and contains much interesting matter. It has already been referred to at length by the leading daily papers, and we need not occupy space with an extended notice. Reports of this kind are often laid aside unread by those to whom they are sent, who never know, because they do not look for it, the large amount of interesting, suggestive, and useful matter such reports contain. In this way much less profit accrues than should from the publication of reports. This report with just reason complains that the causes of death are not given so satisfactorily as they might be. We hope our medical readers will endeavour to be as careful as possible and give full conclusive causes as far as skill in diagnosis will permit. On this rests largely the value of statistics. The report shows that consumption is yearly increasing in Ontario, and that, as we have stated elsewhere in this JOURNAL, it is believed to be a filth disease; a prolific cause of it being, with other insanitary conditions, the re-breathing of breathed air, in unventilated rooms. Diphtheria has largely increased, and is shown to be, as is typhoid fever also, much more prevalent or fatal in rural than in urban districts. The proportion of deaths from diphtheria was six times greater in the county of Oxford than in the county of York, including Toronto.