

consumptives. Once our people are aroused to the fact that thousands die annually who might have been saved by preventable means, then timely care will be taken, and the necessary measures carried out, to reduce the death-rate to the smallest margin possible.

As to the medical treatment, the opinion now prevails that we have no specific for consumption. Dr. Bodington, of Sutton Coldfield, England, was the first to advocate the open-air treatment of consumption, and in this line of action Dr. Henry Bennet, Edinburgh, advocated vigorously the open-air treatment in the Riviera. To the fresh-air life, liberal feeding was added, the free administration of cod-liver oil, and in this, Hughs-Bennet was quite noted.

The Adirondack cottage sanatorium for the treatment of incipient pulmonary tuberculosis, under Dr. Trudeau, has accomplished much good and practical work. In round numbers, the result from all sanatorium treatment is estimated at about one-third cured of those who remained a reasonable term, from three to nine months; and what can be more satisfactory than the fact that absolute cures do occur?

Marked increased activity is evident by the congresses held in various parts of the world. Last year Berlin had a most successful meeting, at which Canada was represented by Dr. Farrel, of Halifax, to whom we are indebted for an excellent report. This year Naples has done likewise, and next year a congress will be held in London, under the presidency of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales.

If we inquire into the practical outcome so far, we will find that many able speeches have been delivered, much enthusiasm excited, resolutions passed, associations formed, and the state called on to provide the requisite machinery for carrying out the necessary sanitary measures. Lord Salisbury in 1898 said: "You must be content with preaching the salutary doctrine you hold, and must not think of applying it with the secular arm." So now, in England, the protection of the people, in these matters of health, actually rests with the municipal and local authorities. In Italy, fortunately, matters are somewhat different. Professor Baccelli, who is also an authority, as statesman and scientist, and as president of the Congress at Naples, an-