

The following table shows a similar falling off in the number of deaths from diphtheria.

Deaths from diphtheria in Paris during the last twelve years :

YEAR.	No. of Deaths from Diphtheria.	YEAR.	No. of Deaths from Diphtheria.
1886.	1,524	1892.	1,338
1887.	1,565	1893.	1,262
1888.	1,718	1894.	993
1889.	1,706	1895.	411
1890.	1,639	1896.	445
1891.	1,363	1897.	274

The above figures are surely sufficient proof, as Kossel says, of the marked beneficial effect of the new therapeutic agent, and that there is no ground whatever for the statement that the lessened death rate is an accidental circumstance.

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