

satisfactory. All such points to the necessity for increased exertion in the line of inspection in both the school and the home, particularly, the very key to the prevention of tuberculosis, where, as a rule, it is contracted by the child. The opinion of the recent "Par's Tuberculosis Congress" favored the idea that, the question of healthy dwellings will always dominate the prevention of tuberculosis, and declared strongly in favor of the view that alcohol pre-disposes to tuberculosis, and aids the disease, in the work of destruction. The present care of the child or adult, as far as sanatoria are concerned, is a difficult problem.

Fully 8,000 consumptives die yearly in this Dominion, and, as to treatment, no adequate preparation. Each life, valued at \$1,000.00, indicates a direct loss annually of fully \$8,000,000, with very feeble evidence towards lessening this sad and telling mortality.

Last session the subject of tuberculosis was ably presented by Honourable Mr. Edwards, in the Senate, and Geo. Perley, M.P., in the Commons, resulting in most favorable comments, as to the necessity for action, to lessen the death rate in our country from "The White Plague."

A small grant has been received from the Dominion Government to assist in defraying the expenses of "The Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis." Beyond this no specific action has been taken, owing to the provisions of "The British North America Act," as to public health. The Ontario Government offers a grant of 40 per cent. of the cost of all municipal sanatoria, but no grant to exceed \$4,000.00. The counties of Perth, Oxford, Wellington and Waterloo applied to the Government for a grant to each county, so that they could control \$16,000.00 toward the erection of a sanatorium, for their joint use. This union of counties is a practical idea, and why should four counties, in the valley of "The Ottawa," not do likewise? Such action, followed up by an appeal to the public for private assistance, would enlist sympathy and support when, as at present, general interest is aroused as to the necessity of immediate action. It is impossible to provide at once for all those laboring under the disease. What is absolutely necessary is compulsory registration of such cases, which, in time, would lead to a classification, and greatly assist in the selection of cases, to which attention could be given, as to immediate needs and requirements. Dr. Trudeau, of Saranac, favors the idea of having every community build its own sanatorium, and receive support, pro rata, from the state or county, the best and most efficient plan, from his point of view, of combatting the disease.

The day for expensive and elaborate sanatoria is about over. As a commencement, the simple shack, erected at the expense of a few