

CANADIAN SANITARY ASSOCIATION.—The movement to form an association of this kind in Canada ought to be successful, and we trust all our readers will join in promoting it. We have repeatedly, in this JOURNAL, urged the desirability of organizations of this kind, and have, on several occasions, at the meetings of the Medical Associations, personally suggested that one be formed for the Dominion. The credit of suggesting to take advantage of the meeting of the delegates on health and vital statistics at Ottawa in December, in order to make a commencement—appoint a committee, etc., belongs to Mr. F. N. Boxer, C.E., of Montreal. He was warmly supported, and has taken a good deal of trouble in the preliminary work of organization, and the prospectus will soon be issued.

MANAGEMENT OF CONSUMPTION.—Dr. Satterthwaite, Pathologist St. Luke's and Presbyterian Hospital, New York, terminates an elaborate paper on "The Origin and Natural History of Tuberculosis," with the following conclusion: "As a natural deduction from the above views, attention should be chiefly directed, in prophylaxis and treatment, to the vicious constitution which is conceded to be an essential prerequisite of the disease, rather than to a contagium that at the best plays only a comparatively infrequent and subordinate rôle."

BAD PLUMBING—JUSTICE.—An action was brought by a plumber in the Croydon County Court against a civil engineer for upwards of £30, for the erection of a lavatory. The defendant made a counter-claim of £120 on the ground that, the work being improperly done, sewer-air escaped into the house and caused the illness of six members of his household and the death of his son. He therefore claimed the doctor's bill and other expenses. The judge disallowed the plaintiff's claim and gave judgment for the defendant.

COMPULSORY VACCINATION, SWITZERLAND. — A correspondent (*Med. Times and Gaz.*) writes: "I have just received information that the city of Basle, after six months' agitation, and the most vigorous efforts on the part of the medical faculty, voted, on Sunday, the 17th ult., in favor of the suppression of compulsory vaccination by a majority of 3539 against 716, or five to one, being about the same proportionate excess that made an end of the despotic Federal Vaccination Bill on July 30 last."

INDOLENCE AND LONGEVITY.—No instance can be found of an idler having attained to a remarkably great age.