

KOCH, in speaking recently of bacillides in tuberculosis said: Light is as potent as chemicals, sunlight killing a layer of tubercle bacilli in a few minutes or hours, according to the thickness of the layer. Ordinary daylight will exercise the same effect in from five to seven days.

SIR SPENCER WELLS, surgeon to the Queen's household, in an address on "National Health," to medical students on the first inst., concluded in the following words: Learn and try to do it well. "Not failure, but low aim is crime" (Lowell). Act in George Herbert's Spirit: "Acquit thee bravely, play the man,"—should we not say the gentleman? for "he is gentle who does gentle deeds" (Chaucer)—and so acting be sure that—

If thou do ill, the joy fades, not the pains ;  
If well, the pain doth fade, the joy remains.

IN COMMENTING on the Benwell murder, the British Medical Journal says: "The theory of the prosecution was that the deceased had been murdered on the spot where the body was found, and that rigor mortis had probably set in within four hours—a theory quite in accord with the circumstances in which the death took place, and one which the prisoner's counsel was quite unable seriously to impugn."

SANITATION in the church. At a meeting of the Church Congress, held in Hull, Eng., the first week of the present month, the social aspects of sanitation was one of the subjects discussed, and the following was the programme: Acquaintance with and Obedience to Sanitary Laws a Christian Duty; Present Condition of Labourers' and Artisans' Dwellings, in view of Recent and Proposed Legislation.

DR. CHARLES R. DRYDALE, an eminent London physician, writing to the British Medical Journal relative to the discussion on the origin of diphtheria, says, he thinks that it never arises de nova. And that "It is probable that the bacillus of diphtheria lives longer in a damp place than in a dry one, and hence the danger of dark and moist habitations in the spread of this disease. It appears too that this bacillus grows well on milk; hence it is probably often, like typhoid fever, conveyed by means of this fluid."

A WARNING against undue physical exertion by those not accustomed to it is contained in this remark of the chief surgeon of the National Soldiers' Home at Dayton, Ohio. He said that of the 5,000 soldiers in the home, fully 80 per

cent. are suffering from heart disease in some form or another, due to the forced physical exertions of their campaigns.

THE Police Prefecture of the Seine has ordered that all cars used for the transportation of cattle to the abattoirs of Paris shall be thoroughly disinfected after each trip by thorough washing of all parts of the cars with a two per cent. solution of sulphate of zinc; the process to be carried out under the supervision of four veterinary inspectors.

PREMIER CRISPI, of Italy, according to the Sanitary News has just caused to be distributed to the representatives of Italy in foreign countries, a circular in which he proposes the convening of an International Commission with a view to institute a sanitary service for the Red Sea. This JOURNAL has suggested on several occasions that the organization of an International Commission or board to take into consideration, and later a certain amount of supervision of, the sanitary service of all countries would be a useful proceeding.

HIPPOCRATES, over 2,000 years ago, warned his disciples against the use of moist dressings on account of the danger of suppuration, and forbade the employment of drugs before the wound was dry. Above all says Galen, avoid dirt, as it prevents healing. The ancient Greeks boiled their water before applying it to the wounds.

CORSETS, notwithstanding all that has been said and written against them are still almost universally worn and will be for a long time to come. The least objectionable corsets, as admitted very generally by those who know and who have tried them, and so far as we can learn are "Balls Elastic Health Preserving Corsets," manufactured by Messrs. Brush & Co., Bay Street, Toronto. We know ladies who have worn these for many years, and who would not now wear any others.

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