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Tuberculization in various Countries and its influence on General Mortality. By W. CANNIFF, M.D., M.R.C.S., Eng. Corresponding Delegate to the International Medical Congress, &c.

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To the Secretary-General, DR. JACCOUD.—

The following statements and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the subject of Tuberculosis, and the hope is entertained that they will not be found altogether irrelevant to this important question, which is to engage the attention of your distinguished body.

THE INHABITANTS OF CANADA DIVIDED INTO THREE CLASSES

The inhabitants of Canada at the present time are unequally composed of the Aborigines of America, the descendants of the first European colonizers, and those who are of foreign birth.

An examination of these three classes as to health and longevity under similar circumstances may not be invaluable, nor foreign to the subject of *Tuberculosis*.

THE ABORIGINES.

The Indians of Canada are to a great extent domesticated, and comprise remnants of almost all the once powerful tribes which held possession of the territory of the United States and of Canada. The advent of the aborigines upon the continent of America remains an undetermined question; the circumstances of their coming are buried in the ocean of prehistoric days. Indian archæology, so far as discoveries have been made, indicates a far remote period when America was first inhabited, and that successive tribes, probably from Asia, have come as a conquering people and swept away the occupants; not always exterminating them, but forcing them to some secluded quarter where, undis-