

Where others decline to treat us in the same fair way we are to a certain extent helpless, because, in the interests of our patients who must have our reports, we often have to submit to the indignities to which we are subjected. We fear that the frequency of contracts, with very small fees, entered into between various corporate bodies and physicians has had much to do with bringing about the conditions complained of.

THE STRUGGLE WITH THE TUBERCLE BACILLUS.

If we had time it would be interesting to trace the growth of our knowledge regarding the nature and peculiarities of the *bacillus tuberculosis*, but not very flattering to note our slowness in following up the clues, and more particularly in taking decisive rational action against the foe.

In 1868 the inoculation of guinea-pigs by KLENCKE and VILLEMIN proved the communicability of tubercle. Passing by a number of observers our attention is more particularly arrested by the discoveries of Koch; and of the first papers read amongst ourselves, two which we remember as asserting strongly and decisively the infectious character of the disease, were those of the late Dr. J. E. Graham, before the Ontario Medical Association, and of Dr. Whittaker, of Cincinnati, before the Canadian Medical Association. Next Whittaker published his tubercle-dotted map showing how the seed had spread in certain houses and localities. The results of tuberculin tests and *post-mortem* examinations in herds of cattle in Ontario and elsewhere are well known.

THEN CAME THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INSTITUTIONS IN GERMANY and elsewhere for early treatment looking towards aiding the human organism in the struggle with its unwelcome host, enlisting the best possible conditions on the side of the patient, whilst at the same time dealing promptly with the *b. t.* and destroying it as it is cast forth from the patient.

IN ONTARIO THE NATIONAL SANITARIUM ASSOCIATION was organized and a building erected, which has been branching out into a group of buildings in Gravenhurst. This association has been making efforts in other directions. With it the names of Mr. Gage, Dr. N. A. Powell, the late Dr. J. E. Graham,