

With the co-operation of the public the League hopes to succeed in materially reducing the mortality from tuberculosis, as has already been done in other large centres through similar efforts.

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### RATTLESNAKE VENOM IN CONSUMPTION.

In the current number of *The Journal of Clinical Medicine* the results of a preliminary investigation of rattlesnake venom as a curative agent are given in an article by Dr. Thomas J. Mays, a well-known authority on consumption and medical director of the Philadelphia Clinic for the home treatment of chest and throat diseases. In his article, which is entitled "The Action of Crotalin," Dr. Mays says:—

"The writer's own experimental study of this substance led him to believe that it profoundly affects the cerebro-spinal nervous system, and especially that part of the spinal cord which comprises the respiratory centre and other closely allied functions.

"The cough and expectoration, the two very harassing features in every case of phthisis almost without exception, yield readily to the action of this drug, whether administered subcutaneously or internally, or both. The patient has a decided increase in strength from the very beginning of the treatment. This has been so evident and so constant that it seemed almost anomalous in the absence of an increase in flesh."

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### CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

TORONTO, November 15th, 1909.

DEAR DOCTOR:—

The Forty-third Annual Meeting of the Canadian Medical Association will be held in Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th of June, 1910. You are invited to be present and take part in the programme.

Information as to Transportation Rates, Provisional Programme, etc., will be sent out in due time.

Arrangements are being completed to make this one of the best meetings in the history of the Association.

Yours very sincerely,

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