

Wherever the campaign against consumption is pressed the "Stratton Sanatorium Bill" will be referred to as an up-to-date measure, and worthy of being copied in every Province and Territory in this Dominion.

TORONTO, May 8th, 1900.

DEAR SIR,—I very greatly regret that pressure of official occupation deprives me of the pleasure of accepting your kind invitation to be present at the meeting of your Association.

I can assure you, however, that my sympathy is with it, and my best wishes for the success of the work of your Association accompany my regrets at my inability to be with you to-night.

Yours sincerely,

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On the 20th and 21st of May last year there was held in Berlin, at the request of the Emperor of Germany, a congress of leading medical men and scientists, who for two days discussed the subject of consumption and other forms of tuberculosis.

On the 25th of April of this year the International Tuberculosis Congress opened in Naples in the presence of the King and Queen of Italy, the Prince and Princess of Naples, the Duke of Genoa, the Premier, the Minister of Public Instruction and other notables.

Nearly every country in Europe has had its Tuberculosis Congress. In America a few weeks ago a Tuberculosis Congress was held in Chicago. The Prince of Wales is the Honorary President of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis in England.

At the recent session of our Local Legislature a Bill was passed encouraging the establishment and maintenance of Sanatoria for consumptives in this province. And to-night we have the inaugural meeting of "The Toronto Association for the Prevention and Treatment of Consumption and Other Forms of Tuberculosis." In Guelph a similar association has been formed, and steps have already been taken for the formation of an Ontario, and also a Canadian Association.

Why all these congresses? Why all these associations? Why are kings, queens, princes, princesses, dukes, knights, premiers and governments, etc., giving attention to this question?

The Hon. G. W. Ross, on the 7th of March, in replying to the deputation, said: "The most valuable asset any nation can have is its people, its men and women, its sons and daughters." The white plague is abroad among these people, the men and women, the sons and daughters are stricken down, the wail of anguish is heard in every land. It comes from the cities and the country; it comes from the mansion and the cottage; the king and the beggar are alike subject to its ravages; premature graves are being filled; the tramp of the orphans produced by this disease is heard in every orphanage; the poverty caused by this disease is heard knocking at the door of every philanthropic and charitable institution. This is why.