

registration are insuperable ; if that is overcome, I do not think there will be much trouble in securing the recognition of our qualifications, and the inscribing of the names of our men on the medical register of the United Kingdom.

Not quite fifteen years ago Koch announced to the world his great discovery, that a specific bacillus is the primary cause of tuberculosis, establishing as an undoubted fact what many had even before thus regarded as highly probable.

All objections that this characteristic bacillus was not the cause of the disease were by the multiplicity of confirmatory evidence, in all parts of the world, completely met ; in the same way the infectious nature of the virus being completely established, not only by inoculation in susceptible subjects, but also by contact of an unprotected surface and matter holding the specific germ. If the infectious element in tuberculosis abides in the secretions of the part affected, is it not wise to control this avenue of propagation without unduly pressing on the patient and his friends ? How far this is desirable, all at once, is a question ; perhaps for the present it is wiser to educate and enlighten the mass of the people on this subject, pointing out in simple, unmistakable terms the nature of the disease, how easily it is communicated, how one can best protect himself and his friends from the spread of the disease, leaving for the future any more radical action. This year sees a beginning made in measures for the sanitarium treatment of cases of tuberculosis in our own country. The National Sanitarium Association has been incorporated. A board of wealthy and influential men in different parts of the country has been chosen its directors. Before long we hope to see, not in Muskoka only, but also in Rocky Mountain sections of our Northwest, several buildings specially erected on favorable spots to relieve and benefit, and often cure, those whom without such surroundings could have nothing to hope for, but await the lingering, inevitable end. Already the association has received pledges of \$70,000 for its purposes. A most satisfactory and well-sheltered site of forty acres of bush land near Gravenhurst has been secured, with the option of purchasing thirty additional acres adjoining. Plans have been drawn, contracts let, and before long the first cottage of our Canadian sanitarium for tuberculosis will be erected. The ever-increasing mortality from tuberculosis, like a plague, marks, it is estimated, one in seven for destruction. The failure of all so-called specific treatment for this disease, and the amazing results secured by the advocates of the hygienic and dietetic treatment in these sanitariums built exclusively for consumptives, makes one glad that at last we shall have such a one at our own doors. The idea of such treatment is not new. It has been used since Hippocrates, and many places in Switzerland, Germany, England, and elsewhere have long