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COMMENT FROM MONTH TO MONTH

The First Year of the War Has Passed. Preventive medi-
cine has scored a distinct triumph. As Mr. Tennant, the Under
Secretary for War, has stated—there has been nothing like it
before.

That up to July 1st, 1915, not as many as one thousand cases
of typhoid fever had occurred in the British Expeditionary Forces
is, along with all the sanitary precautions to keep the soldiers fit
to fight, one of the outstanding features of the campaign in the West
at all events. Five-eighths of the total cases were amongst the
uninoculated, whilst the deaths were as five to one in the uninocu-
lated as compared with the inoculated.

To show what armies had to cope with in former wars, some
statistics may prove interesting. In the China-Japanese war of
1894, there occurred 150,000 cases of dysentery, and of that num-
ber some 38,000 died. Thus did the Japanese have their eyes
opened to the necessity of preventive medicine, military hygiene
and sanitary science in time of war. With that horrible experi-
ence behind them, they went into the Russo-Japanese campaign fully
equipped and determined to wage war against the bacilli, whilst
they sent their bullets after the enemy. They effectually reduced
the incidence of disease in their army to the lowest point ever

