

cotton, Mrs. and Miss Adam Webb instruments, Dr. Adam Wright instruments, etc., Dr. Donald Meyers instruments, Dr. R. W. Buckle \$2, Dr. W. Marrigan \$5, Dr. Kolyman \$1; Academy of Medicine, Toronto, Special Committee on Hospital Supplies, Convener Dr. N. A. Powell, instruments. In October last the Societe Medicale de Montreal formed a committee to assist the French and Belgian physicians, and this committee has already collected the sum of \$2,600. This may be fairly added to the amount above acknowledged, so that the total subscriptions from the medical profession of Canada to date amounts to \$5,974.25.

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### THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.

March 18, 1915.

The Editor *Canada Lancet*, Toronto:

Dear Sir:—

It may interest your readers to learn something about the war situation so far as typhoid fever is concerned.

Sir Frederick Treves reported a few days ago at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the British Red Cross Society that active measures were being taken by the Anti-Vaccination Society to prevent men from being inoculated against typhoid fever, and that they were sparing no expense in a campaign to induce the men to refuse to be inoculated.

It is well known that in the British Army inoculation against typhoid is voluntary, and this pestiferous society is sparing no money or expense in circulating misleading literature. The consequence is that only 44 per cent. of the men in one regiment who have gone out were protected, and in another only 17 per cent.

Since the war began the total number of cases of typhoid fever in the British Expeditionary Force was only 212. Of this number 201 were not protected, that is to say, 173 had not been inoculated in any way, the remaining 28 had only had one dose, or had not been inoculated for two years, only 11 had been properly inoculated. There has been from the beginning of the war to the present time only 22 deaths from typhoid fever—22 out of 212 and those deaths had all been in non-inoculated men.

Since the war began there had not been a single inoculated man up to date who had died from typhoid fever.

Yours faithfully,  
G. STERLING RYERSON.