

(London) goes even further and takes away some of the fibres of the serratus magnus. It will thus be seen, without going into the details of the operation, that to give a patient the benefit of up-to-date surgery in a case of cancer of the breast means a very extensive operation, which should only be undertaken by a surgeon of experience. The day when every general practitioner can operate on a case of cancer of the breast, taking away merely the mamma itself, or perhaps one or two enlarged glands, is now past; and one result of such a discussion will be to impress upon the minds of the profession the need for thoroughness and skill in such operations. At the same time, a note of hopefulness was struck, when we learn that in hospital cases 40 per cent. have been cured, and, of private cases, Dr. Renton (Glasgow) reported that from 1900 to 1905, 80 per cent. operated on are still alive.



Anti-Tuberculosis Campaign.

THOSE who occupied seats on the platform at the meeting held in the Academy of Music on the 24th of March, will not soon forget the sea of earnest faces turned toward the speaker of the evening, Dr. John McCrae of Montreal, as he described the plan of campaign against tuberculosis.

meeting could not have secured a better man for the work. Dr. McCrae is known to us all as a talented investigator and his special study of tuberculosis entitles him to speak with authority. His carefully measured language, terse, clear, vivid, went straight to the point. It was a perfect example of the art of conveying scientific truth to a popular audience and we cannot imagine any one coming away from hearing this lecture

without clear views as to the combat with tuberculosis, a knowledge of what we have to do, why we do it, and how to do it.

We may say that the present anti-tuberculosis campaign in Halifax had its origin in the Canadian Club, which took action some months ago. Ultimately a joint committee was formed from the Board of Trade and the Halifax Branch of the British Medical Association, and arrangements were made for a mass meeting and a public lecture. The matter was taken up with enthusiasm by the medical men of the city and by several leading citizens, and interest has been unflagging. It was the original intention to have the lecturer appear under the auspices of the Canadian Club in St. John, N. B., and Charlottetown as well as in Halifax, but this could not be arranged.

We would suggest to our friends in Prince Edward Island that it would be a good plan to have public interest stirred in their Province, and that next July, when the Maritime Medical Association meets in Charlottetown, we should have Dr. McCrae again with us to deliver an address to a popular audience. It is an excellent feature of many medical meetings now-a-days to have one evening devoted to a popular lecture or discussion of some question of Public Health. It is one of the best ways of educating the public in those truths which lie at the foundation of national prosperity and domestic happiness.

Salus populi suprema lex is a doctrine which appeals to every man who loves his country whatever his views may be on politics, finance, or the social system. It was never more strongly put than by that great Imperialist, the marvellous Jew, Disraeli, when he said, "The public health is the first duty of the statesman."