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THE PREVENTION OF VENEREAL DISEASE.

The first step towards the prevention of venereal disease is correct diagnosis and facilities for treatment. It has been felt by most that it would not do to jump after reporting these cases as the essential thing. From the very nature of venereal diseases, they do not lend themselves very readily to reporting and registration.

The Academy of Medicine of Toronto has acted promptly in this important matter. A Committee was appointed which went into the matter carefully and formulated some resolutions which were adopted at a special meeting of the Academy. These have since been laid before the Provincial Secretary.

It is hoped that before long greatly improved arrangements will be brought into existence for the scientific diagnosis of these diseases, and the up-to-date laboratory facilities shall be furnished in various parts of the Province. Syphilis is now becoming a very common disease, and unless proper steps be taken, will commit terrible ravages in this country. Now is the time to act.

It is also hoped that arrangements may be effected for a cheaper supply of salvarsan. This would be an undoubted boon to the profession. Then, again, those who have charge of the laboratory work should receive a reasonable remuneration for their valuable services to the public, for there is no greater service possible to the State than the prevention of these diseases.

SCIENTIFIC MEDICINE AND THE WAR.

That scientific medicine has done its full share in the present war is known to the medical profession and the leaders of the army. Early in the war Sir William Osler wrote a pamphlet on the caption, "Bacilli