

encounter these bacillia again at once and, at once, given a favorable medium, these bacilli will commence to develop again.

"In principle the problem consists in this: The study of a normal individual in whom the tuberculous bacillus does not grow, and of a consumptive individual in whom the bacillus flourishes, to compare the two, to establish wherein they differ and then to search a means of changing the one into the other.

"After the grand discovery of an anti-diphtheric serum, it seemed for a time that the fatal era of microbes was at an end, that the ravages of the tuberculosis and cancer, etc., could at last be prevented. It seemed as if there was nothing more to do than to prepare, on the lines of Behring or Roux, a serum against each of these deadly germs.

"Unfortunately, these hopes have had to be greatly limited where a disease is due to a germ, that is so widely diffused that it is impossible to withdraw the medium in which it flourishes entirely from its access. Would it not be better instead of extirpating the germ again and again to work on the medium and make it unsuitable for the propagation of the germ?"

A DISGRACE TO TORONTO.

For some time the kindergarten class of one of the public schools has been conducted in the basement of the schoolroom of a church. The teacher of the class complained of the unhealthy condition of the room due to dampness.

Dr. John Noble, a member of the Board of Education, visited the said room and reported that "it was not fit for children to be in for six minutes a day, let alone six hours a day."

This must cease or some legal methods must be found to put an end to confining teachers and young children in such a room.

TORONTO AND THE CITY POOR PATIENTS.

At the recent session of the Ontario Legislation, an Act was passed that the Government grant would be paid on all patients from whom the hospitals did not receive more than \$1.00 per day. This appeared to the Government a perfectly proper thing to do, and all who have any connection with hospital management will heartily approve of it.

The cost of hospital maintenance of patients is steadily increasing. For the whole province it was 83 cents in 1900, \$1.13 in 1905, \$1.26 in