Societies for the prevention of tuberculosis or for the erection of sanatoria exist in nearly all European countries, and these societies are sanctioned, helped and patronized by governments, kings and princes. England has its "National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other Forms of Tuberculosis," with His Majesty, King Edward VII., as patron, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as President. There are 34 Vice-presidents, among whom we find the names of the Duke of Bedford, the Marquis of Londonderry, the Marquis of Ripon, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Marquis of Zetland, the Earl of Derby, the Earl Spencer, Lord Lister; the Presidents of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of England, Ireland, London and Edinburgh ; the Director-Generals of the Medical Service of the Army and Navy; the Presidents of the Royal Agriculture and Veterinary Societies; Sir Hermann Weber, and many other equally illustrious names. The members of the Council are presided over by Sir William Broadbent and the Right Hon. Sir Herbert Maxwell. Alfred de Rothschild and Malcolm Morris are the Treasurers, and Alfred Hillier is Secretary. This British National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, counted already at the end of last year 13 branches, namely the Bournemouth branch, the Bradford branch, the Cumberland branch, the Devon and Cornwall branch, the Dublin branch, the Society for the Prevention and Cure of Consumption in the County of Durham, the Glasgow and District branch, the Gloucestershire, Somerset, and Wilts branch, the Leicester and Leicestershire branch, the Liverpool and District branch, the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Northumberland branch, the Northampton Town and County branch, the Nottinghamshire Association for the Prevention of Consumption and Other Forms of Tuberculosis, the Southampton branch, the South Wales and Monmouthshire branch, the Ulster branch, the Winchester and District branch, the Wrexham and District branch and the York branch.

In Germany the work of societies for the prevention of tuberculosis and sanatorium associations started under the patronage of Her Majesty the Empress Augusta Victoria, who, likewise, became patroness of the congress held in Berlin in 1897, under that appropriate name "Kongress zur Bekämpfung du Tuberkulose als Volkskrankheit" (Congress for the Combat of Tuberculosis as a Disease of the Masses). "The German Central Committee for the Erection of Sanatoria for Consumptives," which has done such good work during the past few years, remains under the patronage of Her Majesty the Empress, and has for its Honorary President His Highness the Prince Hohenlohe-Schillingsfurst, and for its President Dr. Count von Posadowsky-