

authorities, in many instances expensive quarantine stations were established, and great difficulty was experienced in treating the disease and making the quarantine effective, especially in the rural sections of the State.

We are still in constant danger from infection, and we learn from the public press that the disease is prevalent in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Systematic vaccination is the cheapest and only effective way to check the disease, with all the loss its presence occasions the business interests and the physical misery it entails.

The office of the State Vaccine Agent should be more generously provided for, so that he may be enabled to furnish the best and purest virus in quantities sufficient for every need.

#### TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

One of the most pressing matters which demands your attention, one of surpassing importance to the people of the State, is the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis in all its forms, and especially pulmonary tuberculosis.

In this connection, I wish to invite your notice to the exceedingly clear, painstaking and comprehensive report of the commission created by Act of the General Assembly of 1902, chapter 451, and appointed by me.

The information embodied in the said report represents the fruit of much patient research, and I am fully persuaded the recommendations suggested by the commission for restricting and controlling this dread disease are conservative and practical.

Careful estimates based upon the best statistical information that can be had place the number of persons in Maryland suffering at present from tuberculosis at ten thousand, a number about the same as the total population of Calvert county.

A small army of over 2,500 died of tuberculosis in Maryland in 1902.

The same consideration for the relief of the suffering endured by the unfortunate victims of this scourge of