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RECENT SCIENTIFIC STUDIES REGARDING THE ETIOLOGY AND TREATMENT OF CONSUMPTION.*

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*Mr. President, Members of the Congress of Tuberculosis, Ladies
and Gentlemen:*

It is indeed a pleasure and privilege to address this august body on the subject of Tuberculosis, knowing full well that this Association stands in the foremost ranks of the various other professional societies, whose work is devoted to reaching for advanced knowledge with which to combat the dreaded disease, Tuberculosis, better known as the White Plague.

To aid in the efforts of this Association, and to, if possible, benefit all mankind, it seems of the utmost importance to me that those who appear before this august body to recite their various experimentations, or to report their clinical data, should not be led by an individual observation based upon a probable false teaching (for it is a well-known fact that the entire history of tuberculosis has primarily dwelt upon misconceived facts, until suddenly the star of hope arose and with it all previous conclusions and deductions were proven to be naught). I therefore deem it advisable to take up the subject of tuberculosis, citing first its general history, beginning as far as five hundred years before the Christian era, following it up with the advanced knowledge which we derived through the indefatigable work of the scientist in the various branches of scientific medicine—namely, microscopy, biology, pathology, bacteriology, and hematology.

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