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When we look back upon the first year of the Anti-Tuberculosis and General Health League, our first thoughts will assuredly be of the generosity and public spirit of the founder, the Rt. Hon. Baron Atholstan. To him we owe not only the broad conception of this organization, but the munificent financial backing which made its creation possible, and the debt is one which can never be paid.

Our first year has been one of organization and of real achievement as well; indeed the fact of completing such an organization is of itself ground for a good deal of satisfaction. It is gratifying to know that so many citizens of Montreal are willing to co-operate in the effort to improve the health of the community. Our organization owes its thanks especially to the members of the Executive who gave so much time and thought to the initial stages of the League's formation.

There is a tinge of sadness in our retrospect, inasmuch as death has robbed us of one of our directors, Mr. R.J. Richard, who was earnestly and deeply interested in the success of the League. He was always ready to render all the assistance which he could, and his loss is one which we cannot but feel very deeply.

In Dr. Fleming the League has been fortunate enough to obtain a director who is not only highly qualified professionally, especially in the fields of public health where our labours lie, but who has proved himself a thoroughly competent organizer. He has given abundant evidence of his appreciation of the value of co-operation and has consistently endeavoured so to work with other organizations, that waste and duplication of effort might, so far as possible, be eliminated.

The co-operation of the other societies to whom we have appealed to help us in forwarding our plans and who have seen their way clear to doing so, has helped to a very large extent in anything which we may have accomplished. I would like in especial to offer our thanks for their willing aid to the Child Welfare Association and the Victorian Order of Nurses as well as to the various hospitals and dispensaries.

The League is now fairly started on its way; I believe that many years of useful assistance are before it, and I am sure that next year will see much real progress.