

Editorial Notes

MEASURES THAT WILL CAUSE FURTHER DECREASE IN TUBERCULOSIS

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These may be enumerated as, primarily:—

1. General instruction in hygiene and in the conditions that predispose to this disease.
2. Tenement-house laws to prevent overcrowding.
3. Sunlight.
4. Open windows, verandahs and roof-gardens.
5. Municipal breathing-spaces; parks, playgrounds, etc.
6. Proper ventilation of all churches, theatres, halls and assembly-rooms.
7. Open-air schools, or open-window schools.
8. Laws prohibiting spitting on the streets and in buildings.
9. Better factory sanitation; better methods of cleaning public buildings and public conveyances.
10. Special laws against the dissemination of dust in factories, foundries and all occupations in which it may be inhaled.
11. Better hygiene and improved buildings for all general hospitals, prisons and jails.
12. Better laws for the more scientific control of tuberculous cattle, and compulsory cleaning and improving of all cow-barns and farms used for producing public milk supplies.
13. Certification or pasteurization of all milk used for infant feeding.

Personal preventive measures are:

1. Compulsory report of every case of tuberculosis.
2. Careful instruction of the family in the care of the tuberculous person, if he is to remain at home.
3. Careful personal instruction of the patient, if he is at an age to receive it, as to the possible methods of communicating the disease to others.
4. Sanatoriums for incipient cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.
5. Isolation hospitals for advanced tuberculosis patients whose home surroundings are inadequate.
6. Skilled dispensary care of ambulatory cases and visiting nurses for "follow-up" work.