

exposed to pressure from two sides. He knows that the trustees will judge his usefulness by the number of his pupils who pass certain examinations, and consequently that his position and and livelihood depend upon his urging his pupils to their utmost capacity. He is forced by the foolishly anxious parent to urge his physically weak child to the utmost limit of his strength, and in two many cases, I fear, beyond that limit. Thus the child's power to resist the invasion of the bacillus tuberculosis is weakened, and should he be exposed to the infection, he becomes a much more easy victim. If what I have said about the high pressure mental strain to which many of our school children are subjected is true, and I believe that most medical men who have given this subject due consideration will bear me out that it is, then our schools must bear some of the responsibility of preparing many of our children for the reception of the bacillus of tuberculosis.

2. *Impure air and imperfect ventilation.* That impure air and imperfect ventilation are predisposing causes of tuberculosis very few, if any, medical men will deny. What is the condition of most of our schools in this regard? I am afraid that we must acknowledge that many, if not most, of our schools must plead guilty to the charge of falling far short of even the requirements of the Education Department. It is, I am sure, no misstatement of fact to say that very few of our schools carry out the Department's regulations in this behalf. This Department requires that every school room shall be sufficiently large to allow every occupant 250 cubic feet of air space and that the air shall be changed three times every hour. Were this regulation lived up to there would not be much to complain of. But, alas! we know that the school in which this regulation is observed is the very rare exception. Rather do we find that the air space provided is much below this modest requirement, and that in very few schools is there any attempt to have the air changed three times every hour or even three times every day. When the air is changed in the vast majority of cases it is done by opening the doors or windows. Now when we consider that a number of children are shut up in a room which does not afford sufficient air space for several hours every day; when we remember that each of these children is continuously