

the borderland of ill-health—of those whose protection should be our first care—the women whose life is spent in the house (with little active open-air exercise), or in confined work-rooms, and the little children—of those also among working-men whose time is largely spent in the company of their fellows in workshops and factories.

There is another side to the question of the prevention of tuberculosis to which we feel it incumbent upon us to refer, even if it be but briefly, namely. the duty of those not affected by the disease, to make the surroundings of themselves and of those dependent on them so healthy that the chances of infection are reduced to the smallest. It is the bounden duty of employers of labour, as it is to their advantage, to see that their work shops are healthy, and that consumptive workmen do not expose their fellow labourers to infection: it is the bounden duty likewise, of heads of schools to exercise extreme caution lest one child suffering from a constant cough, for example, distribute consumption to his or her companions in the school room or dormitory. And in this connection we would point out that inasmuch as the children of consumptive parents would seem especially liable to become affected, so it behooves those having charge of such to be more than ordinarily careful that the general health is kept at a high standard, that they have nourishing food and much open air exercise. In these children the first signs of any of the numerous forms in which tuberculosis may manifest itself (mentioned by us in our first paragraph) must be diligently looked for and guarded against.

While it is well in a town to have an efficient fire brigade, so that if a fire break out, that fire is prevented from spreading, it is even better to have the houses in the town rendered fire proof in order that the danger to the community in this respect be brought down to the lowest possible limit. At present, with reference to consumption and tuberculosis, it must be admitted that our human houses are so inflammable that the establishment of a fire brigade, such as that shown forth in the above rules, is a matter of urgent necessity for the good of the community at large. While here we point out that individual tenements can, as it were, be made relatively fireproof;