Never Said "Kill your Dying Consumptives Quickly"

The following statement has been issued by order of President Frank Billings, of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, and explains itself:

ARIOUS daily newspapers published on May 8th., what purported to be a report of the remarks of Dr. S. A. Knopf of New York, before the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, in which he was made to say: "It is my practice and your sacred duty when you see a dying consumptive before you, to give the sufferer morphine in plenty, that the end may come quickly and painlessly."

No such statement was made by Dr. Knopf, but since in spite of an immediate explicit denial by the Doctor addressed to and sent out by the Associated Press, a great many newspapers in this country and Europe continue to publish the false report as authentic news. Dr. Frank Billings, of Chicago, President of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

authorizes the following statement:

"Quite apart from the false position in which the speaker was placed and the injury done him, the publication of such a piece of sensationalism cannot fail to have a very

deleterious effect upon impressionable tuberculosis patients throughout the country and may keep others from seeking needed medical aid."

The following statement made by Prof. George Dock, of the University of Michigan, who presided at the meeting at which Dr. Knopf spoke, should preclude all further misunderstanding:

"I heard clearly what Dr. Knopf said. I am sure that I know what he meant; and am sure that everybody in the room must have understood what he said. His words could not possibly be converted into the meaning given in the public press. It was perfectly clear that he meant to relieve patients in the last stages. Everybody hnows that this prolongs life, while making it very much easier for the patient."

(S'g'd.) LIVINGSTON FARRAND,

Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

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