

If we are to do our duty, we must not supinely wait until the diagnosis declares itself. There is little dramatic about tuberculosis except the awakening, after which all is tragic, not necessarily in suffering as much as in the realization of lost opportunity and possibility.

It has not been my wish or intention to make out a case for the consultant or specialist, committed within the broad field of internal medicine to the care of a tuberculous clientèle, but rather to emphasize the view that the family practitioners form the bulwark of protection for the individuals of the community against the inroads of this disease, which is probably implanted in a majority at an early period of life. With this end in view, I have attempted to examine fairly the methods we bring to our daily work, and if they are found wanting, which is a matter for individual personal decision, they should be improved within ourselves, or, if this is not found practicable, help from without must be obtained, if our duty is to be done to those who trust us.

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