

ber, explains how it is that Dr. Knopf has so swiftly attained the position of a recognized leader in the campaign against tuberculosis. The sure knowledge of his subject, command of a clear simple style, an apostolic enthusiasm, combined with a common-sensible appreciation of what is practicable and what are the limits of possible and immediate advance, form a combination that is bound to secure attention.

We are delighted to have the opportunity to publish the address, not merely because it will afford our readers an insight into the state of the combat against tuberculosis here and in Europe, but in the hope that, passing from our pages into the lay press, it will kindle a widespread interest in the work of arresting the spread of consumption and tuberculous diseases.

For let it be clearly understood that this crusade against tuberculosis cannot be conducted purely through the pages of medical journals, or by our profession alone. We can accomplish nothing without the cordial co-operation of the laity; indeed it is the laity which must move in this matter, we, at most, advising and directing. It is through the daily press that most can be accomplished to secure the needed popular appreciation of what tuberculosis means to the country, and the action necessary to reduce its ravages. The crusade, that is, must be a popular crusade, yet it must inevitably be influenced and guided by our profession.

Now we know that both in the old country and here the participation of medical men in a popular movement has been met with a certain amount of disapproval and ill-concealed opposition. Not a few members of our profession hold that it is against the ethics of our body to take a public part in the discussion of medical matters. But surely this is a mean and narrow view to take in the present case. Over and above, nay dominating and determining our code of ethics, is the higher spirit or ideal of our profession, to do whatsoever will lessen suffering and sickness and will add to the health and happiness of mankind. And obviously, we can best accomplish this in connection with tuberculosis by stimulating the public recognition and knowledge of what consumption means to the community, how each one by his mode of life can lessen its dangers, and how the community as a whole can help in reducing the misery of those afflicted, and can gain for those not afflicted safety from contagion.

Thus, under the circumstances, it is clearly the duty of medical men throughout Canada to associate themselves with the Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, for if they as a body whole-heartedly help in the good work inaugurated by it, if, that is, it be made a matter