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Editorial.

Tuberculosis in Kingston.

A child of the dreams of public spirited men is the campaign just begun in Kingston against tuberculosis. The great white plague is credited with one death in every seven in world statistics. It is a fire-side and streetcorner topic linked up with gloom and foreboding. Like many afflictions it flourishes on inertia and takes advantage of the carelessness that finds its way into human life. Against inertia and carelessness the Kingston Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis has declared war: and has already issued two of the eight leaflets that will rout a public enemy out of its entrenchment in public ignorance. The leaflets aim to educate, for the tendency of tuberculosis to spread dies in the light of public reason as its microbe dies in the light of the sun. It is shown that every year one out of every 550 Canadians is a victim to tuberculosis and in the same period of time its death-roll numbers almost 12,000. In terms of money that number of deaths represents an economic loss of millions: in terms of sorrow and human suffering it represents a condition that should be removed from the life of the people as far as is possible. The first leaflet concludes with a definition of tuberculosis and an interesting discussion of its cause, in language that can be appreciated by old and young in all classes of the community. This idea is especially commendable. The campaign against tuberculosis is to be comprehensive. It doesn't halt half-way up the steps of the rich man's home or scout the dwellings of the poor. The object against which it is directed respects no barriers but those of caution, fresh air and sunlight. It won't take refuge beyond the scope of the efforts just commenced to hunt it out of the community. That tuberculosis can be prevented is the last fact driven home to those who read the leaflets. The second leaflet discusses the question of heredity, spread, manner of contracting the disease, and turns the light of investigation into the haunts where tuberculosis flourishes. The