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RETROSPECT, ASPECT, AND PROSPECT IN MEDICAL  
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WE have had with us from time immemorial that disease, tuberculosis, of which annually more people die in America alone than of cholera in the whole world. It is indeed the scourge of the race. When cholera threatens to invade us we become vastly alarmed, and every agency employable by the state for that purpose is utilized to prevent its advent, while we regard with apathy the ravages of tuberculosis, on the plea that nothing can be done. Although it is a disease that is on the increase, and although its causation was definitely determined over eleven years ago, no civilized government has, so far as I am aware, directly encouraged any research with the object of finding a cure, preventing its spread, or stamping it out altogether. Had scientific facts indicated it to be incurable, we might have an excuse for our apathy; but facts point in the contrary direction, and show that a number recover on hygienic treatment alone. When I say that no government has favored research in tuberculosis, I