

the course of this report to draw your attention to the abnormal position in which consumptives in this city are placed. I have shown you that they, alone, among the sick poor, receive no assistance, and that even the hospital doors are closed against them. This state of things is deplorable from every point of view, and it is hard to understand why it has been allowed to exist so long. It is true our means of fighting the disease have been few and impractical. It has been suggested, for example, to build a sanatorium where the poor may receive gratuitous treatment, but the cost of building and maintaining a sanatorium would be very great, and the treatment received in such places is not very satisfactory. Few are cured therein as they generally enter when it is too late, and those who are cured speedily relapse again owing to the unsanitary conditions of the workshops and factories to which they return.

Marmoreck, through the discovery of his serum, has changed all this. Thanks to him, we now possess an incomparable resource against the disease, one that is easy to administer and which the city could procure at a low rate, and thereby benefit a large number of consumptives every year.

I conclude, Gentlemen, by strongly recommending Marmoreck's serum for the treatment of tuberculosis. It is for you to judge, if it is your duty to put an end to the present condition of things in regards to the consumptive poor. The city owes them an effective assistance which it is now in her power to give. If you consider it your duty to use this agent on a large scale and in a practical way, I am absolutely convinced that hundreds of lives will be saved every year, and the rest of the population be effectually safe-guarded against the ravages of the white Plague.

