

He also maintains, by arguments, backed by experiments of able observers, that the disease could be, and often is, communicated by eating diseased meat and drinking milk from cows affected with consumption. He said the following propositions promulgated by Dr. Budd typified his views on this subject.

First—That tubercle is a true zymotic disease of a specific nature, in the same sense as typhoid fever, scarlet fever, typhus, syphilis, etc.

Second—That, like these diseases, tuberculosis never originates spontaneously, but is perpetuated solely by the law of continuous succession.

Third—That the tuberculous matter itself is (or includes) the specific morbid matter of the disease, and constitutes the material by which phthisis is propagated from one person to another and disseminated throughout society.

Fourth—That the deposits of this matter are therefore of the nature of an eruption, and bear the same relations to the disease, phthisis, as the yellow matter (the stools) for instance, of typhoid fever, do to that disease.

Fifth—That by the destruction of this matter on its issue from the body by means of proper chemicals or otherwise seconded by good sanitary conditions, there is reason to hope that we may eventually, and possibly at no distant day, rid ourselves of this fatal scourge.

He maintained that there ought to be sanitary regulations and sanitary inspectors to examine our meat and milk supplies in order that they may be pure and wholesome and thus prevent the communicability of the disease through this channel.

He maintained that as the dis-

ease could undoubtedly be communicated by contact; it was of the utmost importance that those suffering with the disease should be particularly careful to avoid inhaling the breath of the sick ones; should never sleep in the same bed, nor in the same room, unless the room was thoroughly ventilated. They should be in the open air as much as possible, filling their lungs to their utmost capacity with fine pure air.

He maintained that "Consumption Cures" and nostrums were not only useless but injurious; that only through stimulating the functions of nutrition, by proper diet, pure atmosphere, sufficient exercise, bathing, suitable climate, etc., could we hope to arrest the disease.

CRIMINAL ABORTION.

Dr. Cox, Chairman, read the report on this subject:—"The report detailed some of the reasons making the crime so common. In an extensive correspondence with physicians, the committee estimates that there are seventeen abortions in each one hundred pregnancies, and the committee believes that nearly as many more do not come to the knowledge of the physicians, making 34 per cent. of all cases which end in miscarriage.

The report details the injurious effect of this practice upon the health of the mother and children born after its commission.

Agitation and education were believed to be the surest way to counteract this great crime.

The committee respectively recommended the following resolution:

Resolved, That the State Board of Health be requested by this convention to correspond with muni-