

products of this country, entitled to a share of paternal solicitude at the hands of the Federal Government ?

If a national calamity involving the loss of large sums of money threatened us, it would, as a rule, be an easy matter to awaken the Federal authorities to their duty in such a matter. Let us suppose, for instance, that the entire wheat crop of the North-West, which last year was estimated at about \$25,000,000, were to be partially or totally destroyed by hailstorms, we would be amazed at the readiness with which the Federal Government would grant financial aid in order to prevent a repetition of such a loss. It is for you to decide whether \$72,000,000 in human value is not as well worthy of consideration as \$25,000,000, in grain value. A little reflection upon the foregoing facts will bring one to the inevitable conclusion that if we are to cope successfully with this scourge it is necessary that it should be attacked upon all its sides. In order to do this it becomes evident that the different public bodies should be made to act jointly. These are the Federal Government, the different Provincial Governments, the Municipal Governments, the press, society at large; particularly public spirited citizens and philanthropists. Without this combined action it is absolutely useless to hope for a remedy. It is undoubtedly the duty of the federal authorities to foster this movement. We have a notable example in the action taken by the Reichstag, in Germany, co-operating with the Central Committee of the National Association there. There is no doubt about it that the best methods organized to combat tuberculosis exist in that country, and solely, I believe, owing to the fact that the Central Government has co-operated with the Central Committee for the prevention of tuberculosis. It is the duty of this association, not only to call the attention of the several authorities concerned to their responsibilities in the matter, but actually to urge upon the Federal Government the necessity of speedy action, which can only be effective by co-operating with leagues or associations specially organized to carry on this work.

THE hypnotics which act by depressing blood-pressure are more certain sleep-producers than those whose effect depends on other causes. Chloral is the most prominent of the type, and is more certain and powerful than any of its derivatives. Its dangers, dosage, and limitations are to be remembered.—*Medical Council*.