

But there is some daylight ahead. Many countries are now becoming aware of the fact that quite a number of the remedies on the market are useless, and others are positively injurious. In the United States, the villainous vending of cocaine has been put a stop to. Many remedies that were only disguised alcoholic drinks for the "dry states" have also had their wings clipped.

Several things are greatly needed; one of these is courage. Medical societies should take up some proprietary remedy that is advertised with loud claims. An analysis should be secured and the said society should then send the results of its findings with suitable comments to the public press as items of news of its proceedings. We must try to cure poison by the suitable antidote. Medical journals, medical men and medical societies have been remiss in their duty to the public in this regard. They have been lacking in courage. When any one advertises a cure for consumption this should be promptly branded far and wide as a lie.

Then we should constantly seek to secure such laws as will forbid making claims that are beyond the range of truth. No Government would allow merchants to sell by light weights or short measures. Why then should we allow another class to sell by light quality? In other words, to sell something to do something which it cannot do. To sell by light quality is just as bad as to sell by light weight. Some countries are awakening to this fact; and a stop is being put upon the loud mouth.

But there is more than this to be done. The medical profession should insist that the laws should be so amended that no habit-forming drug would be allowed the market in any proprietary mixture. Why should the right be accorded a shark in human form to sell chloral or opium, or cocaine under any pretence whatever? Preventive medicine demands this. A man cannot go into a drug store and buy ergot, but he can go into a drug store and buy emmenagogue pills in any quantity.

Well, we must keep at it. The lay press will not be with us to any great extent. The history of the fight in the States for the Pure Food and Drug Act proves this. It was then made plain that the advertising patronage pretty well settled on what side the press would range itself. But the fight must be for light, and light will come.

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#### THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE ANTI-TUBERCULOUS WORK IN CANADA, 1908.

Such is the title of a neat pamphlet that has reached us. It was prepared by Dr. J. H. Elliott, of Toronto, for the International Congress on Tuberculosis which was held last year in Washington. It has been adopted by the Canadian Committee and bears the name of Dr. J. G.