

disease is the only and the obvious answer to this question. How shall this be done? With your permission I will make a few suggestions.

1. We must educate the public, the teachers and the trustees, pointing out to them the dangers of tuberculosis, its infectious nature, its methods of spreading from one to another, and the means to be adopted to limit its ravages. Teachers, trustees and parents must be convinced that children who are in weak physical health are more liable to contract the disease than are those who are physically strong, that bad air and poor ventilation are predisposing causes, that cleanliness and sunlight lessen the dangers of contagion, and that the utmost care must be exercised that children already affected do not expectorate in the school room unless it be into a proper receptacle, and that the sputum in all such cases must be thoroughly destroyed. How is all this to be accomplished? By popular lectures to the public, by addresses at the conventions of teachers and trustees, by the publication of articles in the educational journals and in the public press.

2. The Government must assist in this good work. How? By seeing that the regulations of the Education Department are carried out in every school. How shall this be done? The present means seem to be inadequate. I presume that so long as such matters as the amount of air space provided for each child and the character and efficiency of the ventilating system in use are reported upon by the local inspectors only, and as long as the amount of the Government grant depends even partially upon these reports we need not expect any change in these reports in these particulars and consequently need not look for any radical changes in our schools in these essentials to good health and the avoidance of disease. This I say not out of any disrespect to our local school inspectors but because I know the circumstances. These inspectors hold their appointments at the pleasure of the local Board of Education or of the County Council. It is expecting too much to ask these inspectors to make reports which would condemn the schools under their jurisdiction, necessitate the expenditure of extra moneys, or curtail the Government grant. Such a course would jeopardize almost any inspector's position and that would in all probability