

" The prudent man foreseeth the evil and hideth himself, the simple pass on and are punished."

INTRODUCTION

In the campaign against Tuberculosis, which is being carried on throughout the world at the present time, three factors are of special importance, namely:

1. Cooperation with the consumptive, including cure and relief.
2. Legislation.
3. Education.

As a fundamental in our modern thought and civilization, there is the desire of the stronger among the community to help the weak, thus there is a more or less general wish that the consumptive should receive treatment in order that if possible, he should be cured, and if this be impossible, that he should be made as comfortable as practicable during his last days. How frequently, however, are both the patient himself, and those who are brought in contact with him, ignorant of the means by which, either cure or relief may be best brought about. As a result the sick often get little benefit, and those attending them frequently contract the disease, owing to lack of knowledge regarding the importance of prophylaxis and treatment.

Tuberculosis or consumption is an infectious disease, and therefore can be prevented. Every case of consumption of necessity, presupposes a source of infection in another case, either in man or in one of the lower animals, especially the cow. This being the case, it becomes the duty of the legislature to take such means as may be found necessary to control the spread of the disease; in other words, the State and City should see to it that the consumptive does not become a danger to others. Two things are necessary if the Government is to be induced to adopt adequate legislation