

HON. DR. ROBERTS PRESENTS CASE FOR MEDICAL INSPECTION IN SCHOOLS

Convincing Proofs of the Need and An Outline of a Plan for Better Conservation of Public Health in the Province of New Brunswick—Address Delivered Before the Associated Charities

The following is a full report of a very important address by Hon. W. F. Roberts, M. P., at the annual meeting of the Associated Charities of two evenings ago.



HON. W. F. ROBERTS, M. D.

Previous to the coming of this terrific world war, we found the attention of those occupying places of authority taken up with the building of the great arteries of commerce, both provincial and federal (some wise and some otherwise); arranging terminals for the exporting and importing of raw materials and manufactured articles; legislation arranged for and being arranged for the protection and preservation of our forests, our game, our fish and many other natural resources.

Now, Sir, while we have spent valuable time, brain power and mints of money in the investigation and carrying out all of the above, with good results in the majority of instances—and very wisely so—remember we would not curtail one jot or tittle from anything that has been or is being done since the inception of this world conflict, but on the other hand would trust and pray that it may go on in leaps and bounds until our monster enemy has been crushed and crushed for all time, but we would like to draw the attention of the inhabitants of the province, the constituents of the municipalities and the citizens of the large centres of population and those who represent them, and especially would we direct our words to the chief government of the City of Saint John and the trustees of our St. John School Board, to the fact that they are leaving unattended to possibly one of the most important of all, viz., medical inspection of public schools.

In delivering an address upon this subject about a year ago, I, to some extent, offered an apology for introducing a topic before an audience at this peculiar epoch of our world history, such as medical inspection of public schools. The fact, I said it might possibly be considered a sacrifice for so doing because of its not having some direct or indirect relation to war conditions. Mr. Chairman, I need not further offer any excuse for speaking upon such a question—of all general subjects that might be discussed, this is by far, to my mind, the one of our excellence.

If we will for the moment stop and consider the tomorrow of Canada, do we not conclude in sorrow and in tears that we are today expending the very flower of our nation's—then what will be left if we do not take care of the bud?

We must absolutely put forward every effort in our power to conserve every life. Even I will go so far as to say, while it is still embryonic, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, in every city, town, hamlet and country side, if we would anywhere near make up for losses made upon our brain and brains by the terrible war.

Public health has no sub-division more important to the nation than that of GIRLS! WOMEN! TAKE CASCARETS IF CONSTIPATED

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glories that have passed." Then came the pick of the army, young men, strong, brave and lusty. "Nay" said the king, "valiant are they, but even now their strength goes with their age, and before long they, too, will be long to the things that were." Next advanced the boys of the nation, bright and flushed with health, their eyes bright with the gladness and joy of childhood, laden not yet freed from the pale, "Al" cried the king, "these are the nation's hope, its joy, its assurance. The others have passed or are passing, but these little ones betoken the continuance and the coming of the nation's greatness."

From Social Standpoint. So much for some of the national reasons. From a social standpoint we own the right to demand that the nation should be a better place for its children. Why should my child infected with diphtheria or scarlet fever be permitted to attend the public school, or to mingle with the children of the theatre, and while there associate with your children, and as a result of such contact prevent the health of the nation?

Health Bill Before Marriage. There is another side to our social duty in this respect. Let us consider that you that governments of today expend large amounts of money annually in the improvement of stocks, and even in our registry office in this city there exists a registry or pedigree of the best horses and cattle, and sentiment and custom prevent the sale of a horse or a cow of equal amount of attention to the welfare of the human family along these lines; but why should sentiment and custom deter us from facing and dealing with the truth? Along these lines the question of intermarriage of those having tendencies toward crime, insanity, tuberculosis, etc., presents itself, and it is my firm belief, as well as that of others who have spoken on this subject before, that the day shall soon arrive when it will be as necessary to have a clean bill of health in order to be eligible for marriage, as it is to be accepted as a first-class risk by any insurance society. When this is done, and not until then, will we strike at the source of the weaklings among our school children. We owe it to posterity that this condition of affairs should obtain.

Society pays a heavy penalty for its indifference as regards its children. Let us consult some authority on criminal statistics, and they will bear me out in the statement that the inmates of our various penal institutions of our country, the force of which they were unable to overcome through physical and mental defects that the inmates of the early years of their life. Equal stress might be laid on conditions found in our hospitals for the insane, but it is sufficient for our purpose to merely mention in passing that a large part of this terrible affliction could be prevented by attention to the victims in their youth.

Moral and Physical Reasons. In this regard we might just say that the moral responsibility of parentage to their children and to God, demands that we remove all impediments to a child's highest development. We feed and clothe and generally look after our children from every standpoint but the one of most importance we neglect. Compulsory education many times

means compulsory infection, because the child on the one hand under the existing law of compulsory education is compelled to attend school, and on the other, should there be nothing recognized case of any contagious disease, such as diphtheria or scarlet fever, he is necessarily exposed to infection. And further, it is possible from that one unrecognized case of either of the above diseases, to have same carried into the homes of hundreds of children in that one day. Advantages of Medical Inspection. Investigations conducted by well trained experts have demonstrated again and again that many children attend school suffering from contagious disease. In the first month of medical school inspection in Boston 487 sick children were found at school, 37 being ill with diphtheria and 104 with scarlet fever. Such children are as capable of infecting the things with which they come in contact as if they were suffering from severe attacks. Medical inspection would at once exclude these from school and have the rooms disinfected.

Investigations regarding the eye-sight and hearing of children show that there are many in the schools who are handicapped by the effect upon the eye-sight, or hearing, or both. The mild forms and early stages of these ill effects are the result of the effect upon the teacher—a thing not to be wondered at when it requires special skill on the part of the physician to discover the defect. In the necessity of cases of defective hearing neither parent, teacher, nor child is aware of the defect. When it is understood that defective hearing, imperfect hearing, and growths in the vault of the naso-pharynx are all too often the result of the normal stupidity and go hand in hand with poor talents, surely parents and school boards will see to it that the imperfectly hearing child is not wasted effort and failure to have adequate returns for legitimate expenditure.

The following table shows that these defects are not imaginary, but are facts of physical record of children in New York City from March 27th to December 29th, 1903:

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Admitting all of the above to be true, what is our present attitude towards it? One of absolute inaction. One of immediate action. An action which should be intelligent, systematic, aggressive, all-inclusive, comprehensive and far-reaching.

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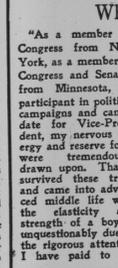
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