

has been achieved by such organization, but a recent German experience must suffice. Typhoid, for which the cause was not easily traced, had been prevalent in Trier for a long time, and the efforts of the local authorities at control met with no success. At last Koch, upon whom the German people have long been accustomed to depend for solution of difficult health problems, was commissioned to assume charge of the situation. He accordingly went to Trier with a corps of well trained assistants, fitted up a laboratory, and secured the co-operation of the physicians in the district. In all suspected cases examinations were made of the blood and dejecta, and when typhoid bacilli were found the patient was isolated and the premises disinfected. In this way 72 patients were found and placed under treatment, and various sanitary faults were corrected. Within three months fresh cases had ceased developing, the patients had recovered (i. e., those who did not die), and the disease was stamped out in the locality.

Could such a result be duplicated in Halifax? If so, what would the money value be?

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But of all the diseases to which we are subject, that which is pre-eminently of most importance from every possible viewpoint is tuberculosis—or, as that philosopher—poet—physician, Oliver Wendell Holmes, termed it, the “great white plague.” For some years a lively campaign has been going on pretty much over the whole civilized world, the aim of which is the extermination of this disease. The facts that many of the lower animals are susceptible to the disease, that the bacillus which causes it is ubiquitous and long lived, that very few escape from having the disease at some period of life, and that one can enter scarcely a public building of any kind and comparatively few homes without risking infection, make one doubt the possibility of complete success attending the attempts at eradicating so firmly established and so universally distributed a disease. Inasmuch as one may suffer from this disease for months and even