

this Association. I can only take out of that address two or three points. The very important points in connection with this subject are these: In the first place, consumption is, at least to a large extent, a preventable disease; and second, consumption is a curable disease. I do not mean to say that the mortality will not be high, so far as we know now, for many years to come; I do not mean to say that consumption is a disease that can always be cured; but I am very glad to be able to say that it is positively a curable disease. I will not attempt to say what proportion may be cured. In the whole of my professional career there is nothing that gives me more pleasure than to be able to say to some poor unfortunate patient of mine, "You may recover; I cannot speak definitely, but you may be cured." The third important feature in connection with it is, that it is infectious.

Now what have you, the people of this country and city who take an interest in this subject, to consider? You have to consider this, that it is your duty and our duty to try and provide proper institutions for these poor unfortunates. There is one thing, we have learned that the consumptive patient properly treated in a well equipped Sanatorium has a better chance than a wealthy consumptive patient in any palace in Toronto. Therefore we want to get these places established. We, in advocating this, are not opposed to any other institutions or Sanatoria at present existing. But, oh dear! there is room for so many of them, for so much more work in this field, that I would like very much to have the public sympathise with the address of our President, read it carefully, and work on the lines recommended in it. (Applause.) I want you to think of these poor unfortunates that are in hovels in this city. I want you to remember that if you get hold of them and bring them out of these places into a healthy Sanatorium, you may cure them. I want you to understand this, that if you can get them away from these places, you will diminish the number of consumptives. I am really proud of this city. I do think there is no place with its population in the world where there are more generous instincts evidenced every day. I think this—I know in fact that there are lots of good men in the city of Toronto who are willing to give their dollars, their tens, or hundreds, or more for the sake of suffering humanity. I know beyond that, I know above all something that is far better still, I know that in this city there is a grand army, if not a number of grand armies, of good, generous, magnificent women who are doing great work in the interests of suffering humanity. I appeal to you, men and women combined, of all kinds, to join in promoting this good cause. (Applause.)

Mr. THOMAS CRAWFORD, M.L.A.—Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I am in rather an awkward position because perhaps of the subject under discussion. But you, sir, in your opening remarks said one word which will, perhaps, justify my presence here, and may be some fair reason to give why I should say a word on this occasion. You said, sir, that this was largely a business meeting, and I suppose