

and charitable organizations and individuals, for the purpose of providing the necessary funds.

I shall note first some of the excuses offered why none of these four sources of help have done anything towards the end here sought.

The first cry is one of regret—"no power"; second, one of poverty—"no money"; third, one of repudiation—"none of our business"; and fourth, one of discouragement—"no use trying."

It is claimed that the Dominion Parliament has "no power," the British North America Act having delegated that power to the provinces. It was, however, gratifying to read in the daily press a few weeks ago of the stand that was taken in the Dominion House by Dr. Roddick, Sir Charles Tupper, Dr. Sproule, and others, that notwithstanding the above fact, they thought the question was of national importance, and that the Dominion Parliament should take action.

It is claimed that the provinces, having a fixed income and an increasing demand from the existing charities, have "no money" for rural sanatoria.

It is claimed by prominent municipal politicians, and I have heard them say, "it is none of our business; it is a national question, and should be dealt with by the Government."

It is said by philanthropic and charitable people that there is "no use trying to cope with a question of such magnitude unless the other three sources mentioned co-operate."

Thus we have reproduced day after day and year after year by these four sources of help the old, old story of the Priest and the Levite, with this exception, that so far no good Samaritan has come to the relief and opened one sanatorium door for one poor consumptive.

Now, Mr. President, at the close of this nineteenth century, when million dollar funds are being raised by the churches, and the spirit of combination, amalgamation, and trusts seem to be floating in the air, is there no power that can be brought to bear upon these four sources of help to bring about the co-operation asked for in the third proposition?

There is one power, and I believe only one, that can bring it about—it is the power of public opinion. Every parliament, every legislature, every municipal council, every organization and association of every kind, and every individual has power and can assist in producing the necessary public opinion. As the mighty power of Niagara is only the united power of the tiny rain drops that fall from the clouds, so the mighty power of public opinion is only the united opinions of the individuals that make up the nation.

I hope, therefore, we have heard the last of the "no power" cry, and that all will unite to bring about the co-operation so much needed in the interest of the consumptive poor.

I shall now give a few reasons why each of the four sources mentioned should contribute and also co-operate.