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DREAD TUBERCULOSIS

LECTURE GIVEN BY JUDGE BARRON.

The Speaker Discussed the Question in An Interesting Manner—What Precautions Ought to Be Taken.

St. George's Hall was filled on Friday night to hear a lecture from Judge Barron, of Stratford, on tuberculosis. The chair was taken by Mayor Ross, who was supported by Mayor Ross, Rev. C. A. Sykes, Rev. Dr. Mackie, and E. J. B. Pense, M. P. P., Lieut.-Col. Taylor, Dr. Etherington and Knight.

The mayor, on rising, expressed great pleasure at taking the chair. Judge Barron was a layman, not a scientist, and, as a physician, it also gave him much pleasure to co-operate with the clergy and laity in the fight against this terrible disease, a disease that especially favours rich or poor, and was increasing at a greater ratio than the population. He trusted the government would be compelled to assist in dealing with it.

Judge Barron, then being introduced fittingly commenced his lecture in a little homily on unselfishness. Many people, to-day, he said, were too apt to be wrapped up in themselves, and their troubles. If we would only look around at the misery and sufferings of others we should be more grateful of the blessings we enjoy.

Addressing the chairman he wished to ask why such subjects were left for laymen to talk on whilst the medical profession was practically silent. Perhaps it was because the technicalities of the language of materia medica were beyond the average person. He wished to remind them that he was no scientist and, therefore, was not prepared to deal with his subject scientifically, but as man to man. If he should misuse scientific terms it begat to be excused by the learned profession, for first year students know more about it than he did. As for criticism, he rather courted than feared it. He had been in parliament, was very thin-skinned upon entering; but had, like Mr. Pense, learned that a tough hide was an essential factor for that position. He urged people to read and think for themselves.

In this 1908 we were still fighting the dreaded disease spoken of thousands of years ago in Leviticus and Deuteronomy. Later Hippocrates, the physician, and the son of a physician, was so mystified by its ravages that he attributed them to his satanic majesty. Four hundred and fifty years B.C. he prescribed fresh air and sunshine as the only remedy. Dr. McCormick, many years ago, was hooted at in Ireland for prescribing precisely the same antidote. In 1872 the law provided that every house containing consumptives be reported, visited and disinfected, but only now is our legislature realizing the need of this and listened to the reading of a bill introduced the other day. The bill provided that immediately upon the appearance of the symptoms the attending physician be called, but even though this bill became law, and here he particularly desired to solicit Mr. Pense's attention, the mass of the sufferers who cannot afford an attending physician can not be benefited. Not long ago, from the obscure town in Germany, an obscure physician made a world-wide reputation by the discovery of the "tubercle bacilli," or microbe that caused consumption, the celebrated Dr. Koch, who is now on the banks of the Nyanza, and "sleeping sickness." A serum, too, had certainly been discovered, but was not a cure as was antitoxin for diphtheria. As to the tubercle bacillus in itself, it was perfectly harmless, but no sooner did it find a lodging place in the human system than a tumor was found which developed and finally killed its victim.

A child shows a lack of energy, perhaps a severe headache, and a disposition to attend school. Some mothers who cannot afford a family physician allow it to stay home until the indisposition exhausts itself and the child is apparently better. A month or so later the symptoms reappear but having saved \$5 by ignoring it determine to save \$10 and, perhaps, buys a Paris hat, the most fatal hat she ever bought. In the United States 75,000 lives were sacrificed annually to this plague; in France 30,

result that the death rate has been reduced to almost one-half. He did not envy the lot of M.P.'s, although he envied Mr. Pense personally, but he would give anything for the chance for a little while in which to make the legislators' ears burn.

In conclusion, he said, although he had a sad and doleful tale, every cloud had its silver lining. The Bible spoke of sins being visited upon the third and the fourth generation, but he was glad to say that it was not an hereditary disease. Dr. Flick's book on the subject should be in every school library. The old idea of heredity no longer obtained. Microbes, organic life, cannot be inherited; families were not swept away because of heredity. Insurance companies, in their queries as to hereditary consumption, were far astray. Delicate might be inherited and the disease contracted through lack of energy to resist it. Take precautions against contagion through expectoration; it is more dangerous than living with tubercular people. Another silver lining was the fact that the Genoese physician, Dr. Oester, had discovered, namely, that once cured a person was forever immune, on the basis of poison killing poison. Jews are more immune than any people, possibly because of the hygiene scourges through which they had passed. Inherent immunity could be transmitted, and that was a great blessing. No absolute cure had been discovered, or antitoxin, as in the case of diphtheria, or perhaps it was because the right time had not been hit upon for injection. The opsonic treatment only tells when to inject, but Sir Almon Wright had not discovered the time for consumption. In Muskoka sanatoriums there is more ozone, more electric storms than in Ontario, which burns out the impurities of the air. They had tried to produce ozone in Toronto, but it percolated the tent and escaped. After all sickly children were better out of the surroundings of Muskoka, with patients lying around everywhere the atmosphere was not helpful. The tent system introduced by the Lord Bishop of Huron under the diligent Daughters of the King, was a great success. The Presbyterian divine, Rev. Mr. McPherson came to a tent weighing ninety-eight pounds, and in one year reached 175 pounds and was perfectly cured.

Mr. Pense moved a hearty vote of thanks to the judge for such a useful, informing and well sugar-coated lecture. He said Li Hung Chang, when he returned to China could only talk of our hospitals and homes for the sick. He assured the people that the sentiments favored in a debate recently in the legislature were those of Kingston Daughters of the Empire, and would eventually result in notification, and consumption hospitals.

Col. Taylor in a few forceful remarks supported the motion advocating sanitaria under the supervision of an energetic, capable, competent minister of education.

After a fitting contribution by Dr. Knight, the Rev. Mr. Sykes moved a vote of thanks to the mayor, seconded by Dr. Etherington. After a few remarks from the mayor, in which he said physicians had two duties, the laboratory and their practice between which their time was fully occupied, and he hoped the government would be compelled to assist in the matter.

Mr. Pense announced the coming of a tubercular's exhibit from Ottawa, under the special patronage of his worship the mayor, to which he urged the attention of all, and the audience dispersed.

Accompanies Famous Edison. To-day Dr. George F. Dalton, of Kingston, who has spent the past two years in the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital, New York, left for Florida as physician to Thomas A. Edison, who has been critically ill in that hospital of late trouble. Dr. Dalton was one of the doctors who attended on the celebrated scientist during his illness. Mr. Edison has now sufficiently recovered to travel, and has asked the young Kingston doctor to accompany him and remain two months with him on his Florida plantation.

Urge Tariff Commission. Washington, D.C., March 21.—A bill for the creation of a tariff commission of nine members was introduced yesterday, by Senator La Follette, under which it would be competent for the commission and the president, acting together, to suspend any tariff schedule and to put on the free list any article upon which there was such a combination as would control production prices or wages either in the United States or in any foreign market.

At the Y.M.C.A. Men's meeting at Bijou Theatre, Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. Elmer Davis will deliver address, and G. B. Cummings will lead the singing. Boys' meeting at Y.M.C.A., Sunday 10 a.m. Mr. Burton in charge.

To Attend Course. Lieuts. Arthur Craig, Frank Birch, and Dr. Simpson left, to-day, for Toronto, to attend the school of instruction at Stanley Barracks. They will all try for captain's papers.

Will Visit Japan. Washington, March 21.—The invitation of the Japanese government, that the United States fleet should visit Japan before its return home, has been accepted. The acceptance of the invitation will be conveyed to Japan through the Japanese ambassador, Baron Takahira.

Driver Coyle, of the R.C.H.A., is confined to the station hospital. While out on parade, he was thrown off his horse, and the animal rolled on him. He is doing nicely.

Bananas. Edwards & Jenkins. The Eves brothers, cabinetmen, state that no one of their number was involved in the Capt. Vincent episode on Friday. None of them were at the Cape.

Quite a large class came before Major Mundell in the signalling examinations held yesterday.

The "King" hat at Jenkins' is famous for a two-fifty bat.

Band Sergeant Wolfe, of the R.C.H.A., went to St. Thomas to-day,

Newman & Shaw's glove sale.

WILL REACH TERMS

LIKELY BRITAIN WILL HELP THE DOMINION.

Touching the influx of Hindus into Canada—Mackenzie King is Busy Interviewing British Officials.

London, March 21.—Canada's suggestion that there should be co-operation between Great Britain, India and Canada for the prevention of the continued influx of Hindus into British Columbia, has been sympathetically received in official circles and there is every prospect that an arrangement satisfactory to all concerned will be reached. Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, from Ottawa, who arrived here last week, has had lengthy interviews with the Earl of Elgin, the secretary of state for the colonies, John Morley, secretary of state for India and the permanent officers of the Indian department, all of whom realize the necessity of doing something. Any agreement reached, however, must be confirmed by Ottawa so it is not expected that the result of Mr. King's visit will be announced until after the commission's return to Canada.

PITH OF THE NEWS.

The Very Latest Culled From All Over the World.

Charles W. Seeley, Halifax, N.S., is to be inspector of hulls and equipment of steamboats.

Emma Goldman, the anarchist, now in Chicago, is reported suffering from a nervous breakdown.

Owing to the opposition of the vatican, the Prince of Monaco has abandoned his intended visit to the king of Italy.

Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel, on Friday, began serving his term of ten years' imprisonment in the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress.

R. A. Thompson, M.P.P., of North Wentworth, operated upon for appendicitis, is reported to be "getting along fairly well."

A commissioner of charity, to assume complete charge of the administration of charity in the city, is proposed for Toronto.

C. H. Mabee, of Tilsonburg, Ont., has bought from W. W. Collier, of the Elmdale farms, Pontiac, Mich., the green pacer Astera, for \$2,000.

One of Perth's best known business men in the person of William A. McLaren, died Friday, after a short illness. Deceased was in his fifty-fifth year.

Chief Justice Meredith has confirmed the election of the three controllers of Toronto, Spence, Hocken and Harrison, who, consequently, will retain their seats.

A. A. Taplin of Athens, Ont., over fifty years a merchant, died Saturday morning, aged seventy-nine years. Mr. Taplin was formerly reeve of Yonge township.

Chief Justice Meredith has quashed the by-law passed by Toronto council cutting off ten liquor licenses. The wording of the by-law contravened the statute.

Three years in the penitentiary was the sentence handed to Philip Low, who confessed to arson which nearly resulted in the total destruction of Finch last year.

As a result of yesterday's strike of students at Woodstock Baptist College, four more students have been expelled; while fifty have been forbidden to leave the college grounds for an indefinite period.

Lieutenant-Governor T. die, New Brunswick, refused to accept appointment of the Robinson government. His honor held that with the adverse vote of the people it would not be right to do so.

The Duke of Abruzzi, a cousin of the King of Italy, who is reported to be engaged to marry Miss Katherine Elkins, sailed for Europe from New York, to-day. The duke declined to affirm the reported engagement.

Hon. Mr. Beck died in the legislature that he had been paid for the transportation of his horses to the International Horse show. Mr. Smith retorted by pointing out from the public accounts that transportation had been paid for horses belonging to a member of Mr. Beck's family.

THE LAD TRIED IT.

He Took the Advice of His Mother.

Montreal, Que., March 21.—David Machesky, a Russian boy of nine years of age, residing at 38 Lauchapte street west, had a dispute with his mother, this morning, the outcome of which was that she rather foolishly advised the boy to go and hang himself, little thinking that the boy would take her advice seriously. Evidently the trouble had a depressing effect on the boy as he got a rope and tying it around his neck proceeded to strangle himself. He was in a very weak condition when found and had to be hurried to the general hospital for treatment, where he is recovering.

Verdict of Not Guilty.

Toronto, March 21.—The jury in the sessions who, after five hours' discussion without being able to agree on a verdict in the case of Mrs. Minnie Turner, charged with performing an illegal operation upon Rose Winters, in August last, were locked up for the night, returned a verdict of "not guilty" this morning. Mrs. Turner, a therapist, was sent back to jail to await trial at the next assizes on a charge of murder.

Renfrew Post-Office.

Renfrew, March 21.—The sum of \$24,500 is the contract price for Renfrew's new post-office. The successful tenderer is Joseph Bourque, Hull. Two local firms tendered on the job, but were far away from the price of the successful tenderer.

Found a Gold Deposit.

Cobalt, March 21.—Roswell W. Visger, of Syracuse, N.Y., discovered a gold deposit on his claim in Silver Lake, five miles from the township of Simey. By assay it is found to run \$10.50 to the ton. The deposit is also said to be more valuable in silver.

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