

TUBERCULOSIS FIGHTERS

PROGRESS OF CAMPAIGN TO BE REVIEWED



HOW the methods that have been used in the anti-tuberculosis campaign in the United States for the last ten years have accomplished the reduction of the death rate from consumption and the consequent saving of thousands of lives, will be shown in the papers to be presented at the Ninth Annual Meeting of The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis which will be held in Washington next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The entire discussion will be in the nature of an inventory of the present fighting equipment and of suggestions as to the improvement of the weapons in use.

In his presidential address, Homer Folks of New York will show the present trend of the anti-tuberculosis campaign and how the educational and other methods that have been used have resulted in effectively reducing the death rate in various parts of United States. Dr. Livingston Farrand in his report as Executive Secretary of the Association, will review the present fighting forces in the movement. Mr. Frederick L. Hoffman of Newark will discuss the reduction in the tuberculosis death rate from 1871 to 1912, showing how the anti-tuberculosis campaign in the last decade of this period has produced a much more rapid decline in tuberculosis mortality than prior to 1900. Dr. John H. Huddleston of New York will discuss the economic problem of the sanatorium graduate. Other papers bearing on this problem will be presented in the discussions in the National Conference of tuberculosis Secretaries which will review in detail the present methods being used in the larger cities of the country.

The idea of co-operation between the anti-tuberculosis and other movements for the prevention of disease will be discussed from various view points by Dr. Hermann M. Biggs, New York; Dr. David L. Edsall, Boston; and Dr. W. A. Evans, Chicago. The tuberculosis problem, the sociological and medical points of view will also be discussed by such experts as Prof. John R. Commons, University of Wisconsin; Dr. William Charles White, Pittsburgh; and Dr. H. R. M. Landis, Philadelphia.

The treatment of tuberculosis from various angles will be discussed in the Clinical Section under the direction of Dr. H. R. M. Landis, chairman, and Dr. Frank A. Craig, secretary, of Philadelphia. The Pathological Section will be under the direction of Dr. Oskar Klotz, chairman, and Dr. W. L. Holman, secretary, Pittsburgh. The officers of The National Association besides President Folks include Dr. Robert H. Babcock of Chicago, and Dr. Edward R. Baldwin of Saranac Lake, Vice-President; Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs of Baltimore, Secretary; and William H. Baldwin of Washington, Treasurer. Theodore Roosevelt and Sir William Osler are Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Association.