

## The World's War against Consumption.

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One of the foremost knights-errant in the crusade against tuberculosis is Dr. S. A. Knopf, of New York, who is writing, speaking, and in every way striving to arouse general effort against this dreadful disease.

Dr. Knopf's pamphlet, "Tuberculosis as a Disease of the Masses," which received the prize of the German Tuberculosis Congress, has been translated into English, French, Italian, Portuguese, Dutch, Russian, Polish, Bulgarian, Roumanian, Hungarian, and Yiddish, and published in fifteen different countries. The right of translation and publication is freely granted in the interest of humanity. Three hundred thousand copies of the German edition have been printed and distributed.

In an address given in Canada in April last Dr. Knopf gave an account of the extent of the anti-tuberculosis movement throughout the world, from which extracts are as follows:—

"Throughout Europe a most active anti-tuberculosis movement is going on. Societies for the prevention of tuberculosis or for the erection of sanatoria exist now in nearly all European countries, and these societies are sanctioned, helped, and patronised by Governments, kings and princes. England has its National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and Other Forms of Tuberculosis, with His Majesty King Edward VII. as patron, and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as president. . . . The British National Association for the Prevention of Consumption counted already at the end of last year thirteen branches.

"In Germany the work of societies for the prevention of tuberculosis and sanatorium associations started under the patronage of Her Majesty the Empress Augusta Victoria, who likewise became patroness of the congress held in Berlin under that appropriate name, 'Kongress zur Bekämpfung der Tuberkulose als Volkskrankheit' (Congress for the Combat of Tuberculosis as a Disease of the Masses). 'The General Central Committee for the Erection of Sanatoria for Consumptives,' which has done such good work during the past few years, remains under the patronage of Her Majesty the Empress.

"Nearly every German city of importance has its sanatorium association. They, in common with the 'invalidity insurance companies,' have accomplished a vast amount of good in procuring sanatorium facilities for thousands of consumptive poor of the German Empire.

"In France, where the Government has taken a most active part in the anti-tuberculosis work,

private enterprise has created a journal called *La Lutte anti-tuberculeuse*. . . . This journal is the official organ of twenty-five distinct anti-tuberculosis movements, under a variety of names, such as Popular Sanatorium Work, French League against Tuberculosis, Agricultural Colony for Poor Convalescent Consumptives, Maritime Sanatorium Association, Maritime Sanatorium for Scrofulous Children, Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis and the Gratuitous Lodgment of Poor Consumptives in Sanatoria, Work for Tuberculous Children, &c. Five of these associations are located in Paris, two in Bordeaux, and two in Lille, the rest throughout the departments of France.

"The very latest news which comes to us from France speaks of a federation of seventy-six various anti-tuberculosis institutions in that country, which sent delegates to an assembly convoked at Paris, March 16th, for the purpose of uniting them all into a national federation. The success of that plan surpassed all expectations, and the result of the deliberation was the formation of a central bureau and council for mutual aid. It was furthermore proposed to establish a permanent exposition for everything needful for the campaign against tuberculosis.

"Japan, Russia, Austria, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, and Norway have done similar work, though not on such an extensive scale. In some of the Latin-American republics, too, there has been an awakening, and, to judge from the *Revista de la Tuberculosis, Organo de la Liga Argentina contra la Tuberculosis*, they are doing excellent work in the Argentine Republic, Chile, Brazil, Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru, Mexico, &c. In January, 1901, in Santiago de Chile, there was formed a permanent national commission for the prevention of tuberculosis in Latin America (Commission Internacional Permanente por la Profilaxia de la Tuberculosis en la America Latina).

"In Cuba, anti-tuberculosis work is most active. It is carried on partly by the United States military chief sanitary officer and partly by the Tuberculosis Society of Cuba, under the presidency of Dr. Emilio Martinez.

"The latest international development in the combat of tuberculosis has been the formation of an international Central Bureau for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, with its seat in Berlin. Its objects are:—(1) To collect all news relating to the combat of tuberculosis in various countries; (2) to collect the literature on the subject; (3) to reply to questions relating to the anti-tuberculosis movement; (4) to petition the proper authorities to further the cause; (5) to receive and make suggestions relative to the international combat of tuberculosis, especially as regards investigations, the publication of popular essays, and arranging lectures

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