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Nov. 8th 1908

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ON CONSUMPTION

Says Dr. Koch Told Him
Tuberculosis Was More
Contagious Than Leprosy

Warns Public Against Dangers
of Disease and Gives Preven-
tive Precautions

Declaring that Dr. Koch, the famous specialist, told him that tuberculosis, in a measure, was more contagious than leprosy or small-pox, Dr. Joseph S. Neff, Director of the Department of Public Health and Charities, last night at the Lehigh Branch of the Free Library, at Sixth street and Lehigh avenue, made a strong appeal for the administrative control of tuberculosis.

"It is not necessary to go into any detail to demonstrate the importance and necessity of municipal control of tuberculosis," said Dr. Neff. "Small-pox and other highly contagious diseases, running an acute course, are more dreaded by the public, and, as a rule, are promptly registered by the attending physician, yet Dr. Koch remarked to me during his recent visit that he would consider the position of hospital attendant in a tuberculosis ward a much greater risk of contagion than in wards containing leprosy or small-pox cases.

"The public does not realize that, according to the United States census, there were more deaths in the United States last year from tuberculosis than from yellow fever in 115 years, and that during the past twelve years 18 per 1000 of population died from that depopulating plague, while during the same period 22 per 1000 of population died from tuberculosis."

Dr. Neff then went on to say that beyond question tuberculosis should be under municipal control, and he considered this control under the following heads: Registration, inspection, sputum examination, care and treatment, prevention and fumigation. He advocated registration in the strongest terms, and a thorough inspection by a medical inspector of each case of tuberculosis. Bacteriological examination of sputum, he said, should be made without charge by the municipality, and in speaking of care and treatment he expressed the opinion that incipient cases as well as those in an advanced stage should be carefully treated in institutions maintained by the city or State. To prevent tuberculosis Dr. Neff suggested that licenses be taken by all those concerned in any way with the preparation of food for general consumption.

AWARD CONTRACTS FOR NEW SCHOOLS

Buildings to Cost \$360,344
Will Accommodate 2550
Children

Committee Discusses Plans for
Mammoth 64-Room Structuer
tor Downtown Ward

Contracts for the expenditure of \$360,344 for the new school houses were ganted yesterday by the Property Committee of the Board of Education, subject to the money becoming available as soon as Mayor Reyburn signs the ordinance now on his desk, giving the board the use of the \$2,500,000 loan money. The awards made yesterday include the erection of the new 24-division Grover Cleveland School, at Nineteenth and Butler streets, to David Peoples for \$174,425; the construction of the new 21-division Anthony Wayne School, at Twenty-eighth and Morris streets, to David Peoples, and the building of a 6-division wing to the Morton School, at Sixty-third street and Elmwood avenue, to Lynch Brothers for \$24,932.

The class rooms thus provided will accommodate in all 2550 children, most of whom are now on part time.

New Downtown School

The committee also discussed several plans for utilizing other portions of the loan money. One of these is the purchase of a lot at Eighth and Mifflin streets, for the erection of a huge building to accommodate the schools of the First ward, in which sixty-four divisions are on part time. Messrs. Tilden, Wolf and Smedley were appointed a committee to secure a lot. The committee also approved the erection of a wing to the Kelly School, at Twenty-eighth and Marston streets, which is much overcrowded, and the construction of a wing also to the Lawton School, in the Forty-first ward. The committee will receive bids for the latter and for the new school building at Newmarket and Green streets within the next two weeks, according to present plans.

Miss Dora Keen appeared before the committee yesterday and reported that the primary school, in a rented building at 25 South Van Pelt street, was entirely too crowded. A committee was appointed to seek additional quarters.

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