

CURE OF CONSUMPTION AND ITS PREVENTION

Discussed at Associated Charities Public Meeting.

A HIGH RATIO OF DEATHS

Eight Thousand Victims Here in the Past Ten Years—How to Eradicate Germs.

That consumption kills 700 people every year in the District of Columbia, and that this disease can be absolutely eradicated by simple means, was the keynote of a public meeting held last night in the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church between Q and R Streets northwest. The occasion was the first public meeting organized this season by the Associated Charities' "Committee on the Prevention of Consumption." Dr. D. Percy Hickling, chairman of the sub-committee on lectures, served as the presiding officer. There were 1,500 people present, and the audience gave close, earnest attention. A number of consumptives attended the meeting.

Dr. F. J. Shadd spoke regarding "The Prevalence and Ravages of Consumption." He painted a dark picture of the dread effects of tuberculosis in this city, and said in the last ten years nearly 8,000 people had died here of consumption. The disease is especially costly to the city through the fact that it is most prevalent among those between the ages of fifteen and sixty. The speaker stated that one in every seven of deaths throughout the world is due to consumption and one in every three of all between the ages of fifteen and sixty. While all classes of citizens are included among victims of this disease, it is especially prevalent among those whose resisting power has been weakened by poverty or overwork, poor nourishment, bad housing conditions or intemperance and other debilitating habits.

Dr. Reburn's Talk.

Dr. Robert Reburn discussed "The Prevention and Cure of Tuberculosis." "It is now thoroughly well known to scientific men," he said, "that consumption is a communicable, preventable and curable disease. By far the chief means by which the disease is spread is through bacilli, coughed up by consumptives. If this spitting is allowed to dry, so that the bacilli are freed from the sticky mass and allowed to float about in the air, they may enter the lungs of any person and cause consumption, unless the person's resisting power is so great as to destroy the unfriendly germs. If everyone who now has consumption could be induced to destroy all his spittings, either by burning them or by throwing them into a running sewer or by using an adequate disinfectant, then consumption could not be spread to any new patients, and the disease would disappear with the recovery or death of those now consumptive."

"For the cure of the disease, the chief means are fresh air, good food, freedom from overwork or from debilitating surroundings, wholesome habits of life and all that promotes general physical good health. While some climates are somewhat better than others for the cure of tuberculosis, these means of treatment are successful in any climate and a very large proportion of all people affected with tuberculosis recover entirely. It is most important, however, to begin the treatment of the disease in its early stages, and anyone who suspects that he may be liable to consumption, should have his sputum examined promptly, and take means of eradicating the disease before it reaches its later stages, in which it is often incurable."

Mr. Weller's Stereopticon.

Seventy stereopticon views recently prepared under the auspices of the sub-committee on lectures were shown by the last speaker, Charles F. Weller, general secretary of the Associated Charities. Mr. Weller exhibited pictures showing some of the causes of consumption in Washington and other cities. He reviewed the remarks of the preceding speakers, throwing upon the screen printed statements epitomizing the modern conclusions of scientific men as to the nature of consumption, the means of its prevention, and the methods by which it can be cured. The establishment in various European and American cities of committees organized to make aggressive warfare upon this modern "white plague" was also reviewed. Pictures of patients under treatment in various sanitariums of New York State and elsewhere were shown, emphasizing the value of fresh air, sunshine and outdoor life in combating consumption. At some of the sanitariums, the beds of patients are on the ample porches surrounding the institution. At others, the patients live in tents throughout the year.

CHARTERS GRANTED UNDER DISTRICT LAWS

The following concerns have filed articles of incorporation in the office of the Recorder of Deeds:

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SCARE IN SEATTLE.

SEATTLE, Oct. 29.—Twelve sticks of dynamite, in two packages, with fuses attached, all ready to light, were found in a room in the Interurban Depot in this city last evening. There was enough of the explosive to have blown up all the buildings within a radius of two blocks. A searching investigation is being made.

CASTAWAYS ARE CONVICTS.

MELBOURNE, Victoria, Oct. 29.—A rowboat containing seven men was picked up at sea, 400 miles from Noumea, New Caledonia, and brought here. Six of the rescued men have turned out to be escaped convicts from the French penal settlement.

HALLOWEEN JOYS FOR YOUNG AND OLD

Chief Occasion of the Year for People of Superstitious Tendencies Comes Tomorrow Night.

Tomorrow night Halloween, one of the jolliest festival occasions of the year, will be celebrated, and many a heart, young and old, will rejoice in the interesting and unusual amusements provided for this special occasion. Of all the nights in the year Halloween is believed by the superstitious and the sentimental to be the one during which supernatural influences hold sway. Witches and elves are supposed to wander through the land, and many strange and credited predictions are made.

Halloween parties have been arranged in many homes in Washington. Throughout the day pretty girls will assiduously patronize the local shops, buying lead to melt, nuts, nut meal, material for making cakes, and a ring, thimble, key, and wheel to put inside it. Then there must be apples and twine in plenty, for there are many interesting games that may be played, half in jest, half in earnest, on this night of nights.

Making the Initial.

With the coming of darkness, the lights turned low, one of the most interesting experiments is for each girl to get a nice, large apple, pare it carefully so that the skin will come off whole, swing it over the left shoulder, and then let it drop. It is sure to form a letter which means the first in the name of her future husband.

It takes several girls to mix the Halloween cake, and while it is being made not one of the girls must speak a word. Even while the cake is baking the silence must be maintained. Before putting the cake in the oven each girl must prick her initials in the top with a hatpin. When the cake is done some of the initials will show plainly. This indicates that those girls will be married within the year.

Have you ever tried to bite an apple suspended by a string? Try it tomorrow night. If successful you will be lucky in love affairs.

It is hard to say when the festival of Halloween originated. The Druids celebrated the feast of Saman on the first day of November and made of it a harvest thanksgiving. On the eve of that day the Lord of Death called together the wicked souls that had been condemned for the previous twelve months to inhabit the bodies of animals. Saman, by supplication and gifts, might be propitiated to mitigate their sentences.

All Souls' Eve.

Fires were lighted on the hills, called by the Welsh Cool Certh, significant of the immortality of the soul and its ascent into heaven. Indeed, ancient history appears to associate this festival with souls as far back as historians can delve. The Druids, believing in transmigration of souls, made supplication as previously described, the Celts prayed for the souls of the departed, and in the Catholic church, both Roman and English, November 1 is All Souls' Day, and in the Roman church, at least, the souls of the departed are prayed for.

Soul Cakes.

In the early days in England there were baked on October 1 first soul cakes, referred to in the old rhyme: "A soule cake, a soule cake, Give mercy on all Christian soules for a soule cake." In Ireland, many years ago, on the Vigil of Saman, known as Oidhche Shamhna, was observed by the women making griddle cakes and candles, to be distributed the next day when the candles were lighted and the souls of the departed prayed for.

In Merrie England.

Bells were rung in England up to the reign of Elizabeth on this day for the departed, but only in her reign an injunction was issued "that the superstitious ringing of bells at Allhallowtide, and at All Souls' Day, with two nights next before and after, be prohibited."

Children born on All Hallows' Eve were supposed to preserve the power of conversing with spirits all the days of their youth.

Stones Foretell Future.

In ye olden time each family had to light its own bonfire, and as the embers were burning low, white stones were cast therein, marked for future identification, representing every member of the household. In the morning if any were missing, it meant the certain death of the person represented during the coming year.

Known by Different Names.

The festival is known by various names: In England generally as All Hallows' Eve; in the "North Country" as Nutcrack Night; in Ireland as Snap-apple Night, and in Scotland as Hallowe'en.

A Hempseed Test.

The would-be seer should go alone and unperceived with a handful of hempseed, and sow the same in the ground, dragging over it something by way of a harrow, repeating this incantation: Hempseed I sow thee, hempseed I sow thee, And him (or her) that is to be my true love, Come after me and sow thee.

Dipping Sleeve in Burn.

Another Scottish custom requires the seekers after knowledge to steal out to a running stream, where three larks' lands meet, and dip the left shirt sleeve in the water. Then when going to bed (which must be in sight of a fire), the wet sleeve is hung before it to dry. If the watcher remains awake, an apparition of the future husband or wife will appear, and will turn the sleeve.

Divination by Yarn.

Years ago in Ireland the maidens used to peer into the future by throwing a

ball of yarn out of the window, and keeping hold of the end of the thread, rewind the same, repeating the Pater Noster backward. By closely watching the ball through this operation, the form of the future husband was seen rising up from the ground as in a mist.

Many and fearsome were the methods employed to see into futurity, and doubtless many hearts failed in the operation.

Diving for Apples.

Diving for apples is another favorite pastime. A tub is filled with water, and some apples placed therein. These have to be caught in the mouth while the hands are kept behind the back. The only correct way to grab one is to force the apple to the bottom of the tub and catch it on the rebound. Disastrous to crimps!

Ring in the Cake.

In the land of cakes and elsewhere a ring is hidden in a special cake, baked for the occasion, and when the cake is distributed the finder of the ring will wed during the year.

Burning Nuts.

Again, nuts may be burned. Two filberts, correctly named, may be placed on the grate bars. If they burn out together the two will be faithful; the fickle one is represented by the nut which jumps away first.

MORGAN BARES HEAD AT M'KINLEY'S TOMB

With Pennsylvania Railroad Officers He Steps at Canton for That Purpose.

CANTON, Ohio, Oct. 29.—J. Pierpont Morgan, with a party of ten Pennsylvania Railroad officers, visited the tomb of President McKinley, in West Lawn Cemetery, about noon yesterday.

The party was en route from New York to Chicago in a special train. It was the first time Mr. Morgan was in the vicinity since Mr. McKinley's death, and it was at his request that the train was stopped here and a visit paid to the vault.

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