

PREVENTION OF CONSUMPTION

LECTURE DELIVERED BY DR. A. S. KNOFF, OF NEW YORK.

He Addressed a Representative Audience in the Parish House Last Night and Told Some Very Plain Truths—Need of a Sanitarium Was Dwelt Upon—Results Being Accomplished at the White Haven Sanitarium Were Told of by Superintendent Stockdale.

Dr. S. A. Knopf, of New York city, one of the world's greatest authorities on consumption, delivered an address last night on measures for the prevention of the spread of that disease, before one of the most representative audiences ever gathered in St. Luke's parish house.

There were numerous physicians, clergymen, business men and public officials in the audience, and there was great interest was taken by all present. The lecture was the result of a series of questions which were asked the lecturer at the conclusion of his talk. The lecture was given under the auspices of the board of trade, and was held in the parish house, which was opened for the occasion.

Dr. Knopf, who is of German extraction and who speaks with a delightful accent. He said at the outset that he proposed to go some plain speaking, and he lived up to his word. Some of the more sensitive people in the audience winced at some of the things he said and seemed desirous that he keep a little bit away from certain details, but he didn't.

Disease of the Masses.

The doctor described consumption as "the disease of the masses," and defined it as "a chronic communicable disease due to a specific micro-organism." He said he did not refer to it as a contagious disease, because the only danger from it lies in the carelessness of the sufferers themselves. The factor of contagion is definitely known, he said, and this is not true of smallpox and most other contagious diseases.

"I want to impress upon you the fact," said he, "that it is cruel, yes, it is inhuman, to cultivate an exaggerated fear of consumption. The consumptive is entitled to life, liberty and happiness, and there is nothing to fear from them if they are careful of their expectations. As long as he does that, be kind and helpful to him, but if he violates the law and is careless, let him understand that he is a criminal."

The doctor then explained that consumption is largely spread through expectoration, and he declared that a consumptive patient is capable of disseminating no less than 2,000,000,000 tubercle bacilli in a single day. Consumptives should be taught, he said, to expectorate in a handkerchief, or preferably in what he called a pocket flask, though he admitted that the use of the latter in public requires a moral courage possessed by few people.

"The consumptive who uses one of these flasks," said he, "says by doing so to the public, 'I have tuberculosis, but I am careful and you need not fear from me.'"

Danger from Milk.
The doctor said that notwithstanding Prof. Koch's assertion to the contrary, there is a danger of becoming infected with consumption through the use of milk from cows infected with tuberculosis. The dry cough of the consumptive patient is another source of communication, and they should be cautioned to hold a handkerchief over their mouths when coughing.

Every city as large as Scranton, he said, should have a bacteriological laboratory in charge of a competent bacteriologist, so that at an expert examination of sputum from suspected patients might be made. There should also be inspectors vested with power to enforce regulations adopted by the bureau of health, so that disobedient patients who are a menace to any community might be made to observe the law.

He then referred to the need of a sanitarium for the treatment of consumptive patients. Such a sanitarium properly conducted would give 80 per cent. of incipient consumptives a chance of cure. He argued against a change of climate for the cure of the disease, and declared it to be his firm conviction that it is better to cure a patient at the very place where he or she contracted the disease. They may be cured by going to Colorado or California, but the return home generally brings about a relapse, he said.

Where Money Is Needed.
He appealed to the generosity of the philanthropic citizens of this city to assist in the work of erecting the sanitarium planned for this city. Could Carnegie and Rockefeller see the condition of the consumptive poor in the large cities, he said, there would be less money given for libraries and colleges, and more for sanitariums, good clean, hygienic tenements, parks and children's playgrounds.

Superintendent Stockdale, of the White Haven sanitarium, who was himself cured of tuberculosis, and who is now devoting his life to helping other sufferers from the disease, brought a message of cheery optimism with him. He declared that 90 per cent. of the incipient cases of the disease which enter the sanitarium are cured and 50 per cent. of those in the secondary stage.

He told of patients gaining twenty-five pounds in a month and forty-two pounds in seven weeks, and declared

that such things are of common occurrence. There are nearly two hundred on the sanitarium's waiting list now, and experience has shown, he said, that 50 per cent. of those on the waiting list die before their time for admission comes. The need of another sanitarium in this part of the state is imperative, he said.

Dr. Walworth recounted some extremely pathetic cases showing the need of a sanitarium, which have come under his personal observation, and he was followed by Bishop Hoban, who spoke briefly. The bishop told of his own desire for several years past to see a consumptive's sanitarium established here, and expressed his desire of doing everything possible to assist in establishing one, now that an active movement with that end in view is on foot. "Altruism in this case," said he, "is in reality true egoism, for while helping others we are also helping ourselves."

Among the Wilkes-Barre physicians who attended the lecture were: Dr. W. G. Weaver, Dr. Walter Davis, Dr. Charles H. Miner and Dr. F. C. Johnson.

AN ALLEGED SECOND WILL WAS PRODUCED

Interesting Development in Merrill Case—Witnesses Testify to Dead Man's Mental Condition.

The hearing in the Merrill will case was resumed yesterday before Judge A. A. Voshell in the Orphans' court and the only important development of interest was the production of a second will by Attorney T. J. Davies, who represents the two contesting brothers of the dead man, Samuel C. Merrill and James C. Merrill, of Montrose.

This second will was not offered in evidence but it was identified by one of the witnesses, Dr. C. W. Roberts, as having been made by Mr. Merrill prior to the making of the will which is being contested and which left all the property to the dead man's wife, now deceased.

Dr. Roberts testified that he attended Mr. Merrill after his second attack of paralysis and that he (Merrill) knew perfectly well what he was doing on the night of October 17, 1901, when the will now in question was drawn up. Mr. Merrill was unable to articulate, but he indicated his wishes by spelling out words on a card containing all the letters of the alphabet.

J. W. Hoff, formerly of this city, but now of Pittsburgh, another witness of the will, testified that at the time it was made Mr. Merrill was in full possession of his mental faculties and was capable of intelligently understanding what he was doing.

Alexander Melman, H. J. Schubert and Joseph Speicher, all of whom visited Mr. Merrill during his last sickness and at about the time the will was drawn up, testified that he appeared to be fully conscious of what he was doing.

The hearing is to be resumed this morning at 9 o'clock.

MARRIED IN BINGHAMTON.

Miss Jennie Burnett and William McBride Wedded.

Miss Jennie Frances Burnett and William McBride, both of this city, were married on November 28 in Binghamton, N. Y., by Rev. Father McDonald, pastor of St. Patrick's church in that city. The marriage was kept a secret until yesterday when it was announced to a few friends.

The couple will leave in a few days for Montreal where they will enjoy a Canadian winter. Mr. McBride is a well-known manufacturer's agent for carriages and his bride is a handsome young lady, possessing many charms of manner.

ARRESTED IN WILKES-BARRE.

Frank Courtright, of This City, Charged with Burglary.

Frank Courtright, of this city, has been arrested in Wilkes-Barre on the charge of burglarizing the residence of Dr. Frederick Cross, of Kingston, and has been committed to the Luzerne county jail in default of \$1,000 bail.

Courtright was arrested with a man calling himself "Prof." Gannell and a Frank Spengenberg and wife. A large quantity of jewelry taken from Dr. Cross' house was found in the room occupied by the three men.

THEATRICAL.

"Looping the Loop."

"Laughter reigned supreme." Two more enthusiastic or better pleased audiences never gathered at the Academy of Music than saw "Looping the Loop" yesterday.

The piece is termed a musical absurdity and correctly so in three acts by Dave Marion, well known in the musical world as the author of a number of successful popular songs, among them "Two Little Girls in Blue." Mr. Marion assumes the role of Tumble-Ton, an eccentric tongue-tied boy in a very creditable manner.

The company is an excellent one throughout and one of the best that has visited Scranton this season.

The principal characters were those made famous in the comic papers. Among them Arline Deacon, as Foxy Grandpa, Andy Dan as Happy Holligan, Danny M. McCormick as Fiddlers Melodius and Messrs. Neff and Hoyt as Alphonse and Gaston, Fannie Vedder as Lady Beautiful and Florence Evans as Mrs. Katzenhammer, and a number of other equally clever and amusing as well as a chorus of twelve pretty girls with good

voices. The costumes and scenery are both new and handsome. The musical numbers are all good and follow each other in rapid succession interspersed with some pleasing specialties. "Looping the Loop" will be repeated this afternoon and evening as well as Saturday matinee and night.

Special Matinee Saturday.

While there is so much being said and written concerning the sensations of the dramatic matinee that there are a species of sensations evoking nothing but innocent laughter and a whole lot of that after all. Saturday afternoon and evening you will have the opportunity to behold one of the cleverest, cleanest, brightest, most wholesome and most laughable pieces of originality there is on the stage today. It is Hyman Brothers' "New Eight Bells." This year, as a result of their lengthy experience they have produced an entirely new entertainment and excelled all past efforts.

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"Sky Farm," Tuesday Night.

"Sky Farm," which gives its name to the Kildar play, which is coming to the Lyceum next Tuesday evening, is situated near the village of Cedarcrest, Mass. It is supposed in the play to be owned and occupied by the Reverend Mr. Tosters and his two beautiful daughters, Margaret and Joan. Around these girls is woven a love interest of romantic novelty. Margaret is the only one in all the world in the eyes of handsome and manly Orrin Breece, and in Margaret's eyes Orrin is the ideal Prince Charming. Neither the Reverend Tosters nor Orrin's father favors Orrin's suit, however. No wonder then that the young folks go off quietly and get married secretly.

There is a great stretch of suspense and a sweet lengthening out of the love complications to cover the surface of this dramatic matinee. At the end of the play two or three other couples declare for matrimony, while everybody, including the hard-hearted old Benjamin Breece is happy. Seats on sale Saturday at 9 a. m.

"York State Folks" Again.

James Lackaye, who has done the best work of his stage career as Simon Peter Merrin, the irascible village boss of "York State Folks," will be seen in his original role upon the return engagement of this biggest of rural successes at the Lyceum next Wednesday afternoon and evening. "York State Folks," made such an impression upon its recent visit and was so widely commended on afterward, that the local management was led to secure it for a return performance, which became possible through a re-arrangement of the New York dates for the production.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by P. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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