

**Everyone Urged to Take all Possible
Precautionary Measures.**

The fact cannot be impressed too strongly upon the minds of the people that diphtheria is alarmingly prevalent in the city and that it is the urgent duty of every man and woman to take every possible precaution to lessen the probabilities of its becoming an epidemic. Small pox is less to be dreaded in its results and the apathy of some and the ignorance of others makes the danger doubly imminent. Six fatal cases of malignant diphtheria have been already reported this week and there is every reason for believing that there have been others which the physicians failed to report. Such negligence cannot be censured in terms too severe. Every case of diphtheria should be reported promptly to the Board of Health, the patient quarantined and in the event of death the funeral held privately. The contagion is easily spread and a little negligence on the part of parents or the attending doctor is not unlikely to result in infecting an entire neighborhood. The Board of Health and the health officers are making every effort, but they imperatively require the co-operation of the people and this they ask in most earnest language. They thoroughly appreciate the impending danger and request the newspapers to arouse their readers to a sense of its importance. A few simple precautions observed may keep death and desolation from many a home.

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