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Hookworm

Our service has undertaken to do for a given state the following definite things:

1. To demonstrate to the people of that state that hookworm disease is a reality; that it is a serious handicap; that it is curable and preventable.
2. To make an infection survey that will give a reliable estimate of the degree of infection for each county in the state; to exhibit this result on a state map.
3. To make a sanitary survey which shall show for each county in the state the conditions of soil pollution which are responsible for the presence and spread of the infection; to exhibit the results of this survey on a state map.
4. To conduct an intensive educational campaign in every county where the infection is present; to teach the people by means of the printed page, by lecture, by exhibit, by demonstration the importance to the community of getting every person examined and the infected treated, how the examination is made, how the disease is treated, how the infection is spread and how it can be prevented.
5. To teach the practicing physicians of the state how to diagnose the disease and how to treat it; to teach them the importance of making examination for intestinal parasites a regular part of routine examination of all patients.
6. To get every medical school in the state to make provision for definite instruction in the diagnosis and treatment of intestinal parasites to be given to all students as a requirement for graduation.
7. To enlist the press of the state in the work.
8. To see that the teaching of the dangers of soil pollution and how to prevent soil pollution is made a regular part of the instruction given in the public schools of the state.
9. To make at least one complete community demonstration; to select a rural community where the infection is reasonably heavy; photograph conditions, get every person examined, get every infected person cured, get soil pollution stopped, photograph again; then tell the people of the state the story of how this one community has eradicated hookworm infection.
10. And, if possible, to help lay the foundation of a county health service that will in the end take care of hookworm infection and all other preventable diseases.