TUBERCULOSIS
SCOURGE OF RACE

Death Rate Among the
Young and Old Appalling—Efforts Be-
Made to Locate
Cause.

While we are spending our lives dis-
cussing civil wrongs, there is an en-
enemy, greater than all, thinning our
ranks and endangering our national
existence—it is tuberculosis. The
physicians of the race are making a
special study of the situation. Mr. R.
W. Thompson, in the Indianapolis
Freeman, says:

The scourge of the Negro race to-
day is tuberculosis. Lynching, dis-
franchisement, jim crow cars and dis-
 crimination in civil privileges vex us
almost to the breaking point, but not
less destructive to our social life is
this dread disease that is decimating
our ranks and deteriorating the physi-
cal well being of thousands, to whom
death would be preferable to the suf-
f ering entailed by its ravages. In the
great cities especially, where Negroes
are compelled to live under the most
favorable conditions, the death rate
among young and old is something ap-
palling, and the bulk of the victims
owe their end to tuberculosis in one
form or another. So serious has the
situation become that the best physi-
cians, white and colored, are address-
ing themselves to the subject, to see if
a plan can be devised whereby the
root of the evil may be removed and

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