

What is this Disease ?

You say that it is so much more terrible than the numerous other illnesses from which children suffer? Reader, it is evident from that question that you have never experienced it, but if you will bear with me for a brief space I will try to tell you what it is. In reality, then, it is nothing less than a tuberculous affection. To put it more plainly still, for tuberculous read the homely word

Consumption,

but consumption which has settled in the Hip Joint instead of in the lungs, and then you know what **Hip disease** really is. Not only is it attended with acute suffering, but without proper treatment the subjects of it either die from exhaustion, or are crippled for life. Let me take you through the wards and show you seventy-six little patients compelled during many weary months to lie on their beds in the same position. If the weariness of being so obliged has ever occurred to