

ignorance, or obstinacy, or misdirected zeal, have rather aided in the concealment of the fact, until concealment was no longer possible, and then came a panic, and a rush for home, to the extreme peril of those at home, and to the great injury of the school. I am quite aware that this statement may be regarded as "none of his business," or be met by the remark, "We are quite capable of managing the school without any local interference," but, "Fiat justitia ruat cælum," the whole country side is interested in this affair, and there is nothing in the charter of the University that grants it the privilege of fostering, year after year, a hotbed of disease, that, fortunately, hitherto endemic, may, unfortunately, be changed in character, and become epidemic!

Last summer, just before the first outbreak of fever, when the accumulated filth of a drain, that was not a drain, and extended only a short distance beyond the foundations of the school, rendered the air offensive, by backing up its horrid stench into the building, and it became necessary to do *something*, what was done? The most dangerous thing that could have been done! The lid of the trap was raised, and the enemy let out! An enemy that had been a source of dread for years! And these *germs* were not even exercised before getting their liberty! Incredible as it may seem, this *horrid thing* was actually opened *in term*, in the heat of summer, under the windows of school and college, and close to the public highway, *just before the close of the term*. When this hotbed of disease was opened, it was found for the first time, that this particular drain had no outlet, and that it terminated almost under the dining-room, and in common by both grammar school and college. We all know what followed. Whether what followed was the result of the opening of that drain, at that time, God knows. But, it was an indiscreet act, one involving an utter disregard of the first principles of public health, and common decency, on the part of men in charge of a large public school. Either that drain should have remained untouched for another week, *or*, the boys should have been sent home.

In proof of the statement that the presence of typhoid fever