

In compliance with the request of the members of the "Local Council of St. John" and the "National Council of Women of Canada" to give them an address at the annual meeting of their association, I selected for my subject, "Water in Relation to Disease," believing, as I do, that the deaths from typhoid fever in this city are more numerous than they should be, and looking for the cause, I can not help feeling that the water is a large factor. If my conclusions are correct, it is my duty to give a warning note. I am well aware that many believe the cause to exist in defective drainage. This is fallacious. The germ is not conveyed by the atmosphere; it must be swallowed.

While yielding to the request of many to publish the following remarks, I must claim the privilege of saying that the subject is by no means exhausted: time would not permit.

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