

but even they, after long political careers, fighting their party battles, or from other causes, have become estranged from us, and are more famous as financiers and expounders of the law than as sons of Æsculapius. Besides, our services I contend, are required in the Assemblies of the country as much on her account as on our own. Those great measures of sanitary reform which must in the natural course of things be promulgated and at length accomplished, will of necessity be in great part the work of our hands. Who than we can better direct the enactments respecting vital statistics, vaccination, and the proper ventilation and drainage of cities? Who than we can better advise measures for the prevention of epidemics, and the grappling with them when they appear? Who than we can give more decided opinions on all subjects having a sanitary bearing? It is our province, it belongs by right and title to us, and while the financiers of our legislatures are squabbling over their dollars and cents, and "ways and means," while the manufacturers are keeping a weather eye open to the tariff, let us have men there who, irrespective of party, conservative and liberal, tory and whig, will rally round the one flag when the war note is sounded. "Sanitas sanitatum omnia sanitas."

As medical men, and taking as you no doubt will a prominent place in the communities in which you work, you will be expected to give a ready and intelligent opinion on the various topics of the day having reference to sanitary science. The relation of defective drainage, impure water, and adulterated milk, in the causation of Typhoid fever, will come up for constant discussion. The subject of overcrowding, adulterated food, impure air, occupation, &c., in the influence they exert in modifying existing disease, and in the production of disease, will be matters on which you will be expected to be thoroughly versed. There is nothing however in the discussion of which your temper and ingenuity will be more sorely tried than in the defence of that priceless prophylactic, *vaccination*. Have at your finger ends some of the more familiar facts connected with this all