

active board of health has educated the people in the requirements of the law for prompt notice of such diseases, and it is a long time before the board of health receives such "official" information of the outbreak as to be stirred to action; meanwhile many families have buried their loved ones—dead of that disease so dreadful to parents. Diphtheria finally comes. It had prevailed in neighboring places for a long time, but the members of the board of health have not investigated the subject—some of them do not know that it is a communicable disease, and exceedingly dangerous to the public health, though they know that the deaths occur mostly among the children. Many of the doctors call mild cases by other names. Nothing is done to stop its spread, and very soon there are so many sources that it is impossible to trace the spread of the disease by contagion, and the city has one more disease fastened upon it, perhaps for all time to come, though the disease may occasionally die down *for lack of material*, only to spring up again on the opening of the schools in autumn, after more children shall have grown up to the most susceptible age.

MONEY VALUES OF THE MOST IMPROVED SANITARY METHODS.

M. Jackson S. Schultz, of New York, has lately said that "from 1822 to 1840, during the summer months, no business could be done in hides and furs," because of the nature of the quarantine, which, however, was the best known at that time; that "the loss to those engaged in commerce and manufacture requiring those articles, must have been at least \$100,000,000—a sum sufficient to sustain all the health boards in the country." *Now* the quarantine is so managed by experts as to occasion little interruption to commerce or manufactures. He said, "If these trades should be again stopped, it would pay them to establish schools and hospitals for the education of doctors for sometime to come." Perhaps he meant the education of sanitarians or health officers. He is not a physician, but said he spoke "from the point of view of the tradesman." His statements show that *after sanitary progress has been made*, its importance is recognized by some classes of people. It is to be hoped that the time will soon come when all classes of people can realize the importance of *aiding its progress*.

If an improved quarantine system in New York is worth \$100,000,000 in eighteen years, simply to the business connected with