

articles and stories in the newspapers and lay and medical magazines it cannot be doubted that the time is not far distant when in the lay press will appear, in plain, sober, unvarnished truth, the true story of the experiences and struggles of the opiate drug addict. I have marked a rapidly-growing appreciation of facts and a steady-increasing activity in the investigation of conditions. This is sooner or later bound to be followed by intelligent public and scientific demand for competent and commonsense explanation and solution."

BREATHING ROCK DUST.

Over 200,000,000 tiny particles of dust, as sharp as ground glass, are breathed into the lungs and passages with every cubic foot of air in some of the factories in the United States, according to a survey made by the Public Health Service.

Such dusts breathed into the lungs are never expelled. Photomicrographs show the tiny particles to be exceedingly sharp and jagged and chemical tests prove them to be practically insoluble. Work under such conditions invites respiratory diseases and make a real health hazard. Similar investigations in chemical factories showed that laborers were frequently exposed to poisonous fumes and gases.

The investigation was made at Niagara Falls because plants were engaged in the manufacture of abrasives, chemicals, gases, electrodes, carbons, metals, and alloys. In all of the factories the laborers were found to be exposed to dangers which would eventually incapacitate them for further work. Fortunately over 60 per cent. of the labor in these plants seeks new employment monthly and the result of exposure to such dangers is not evident as it would be if the workers remained at the same work for longer periods.

As a result of the survey industrial hygiene engineers devised means of removing the dust from the air and minimizing hazards from fumes and poisonous gases. In spite of the fact that the installation of such devices was expensive, factory managements immediately put them into use.

DRUGGISTS PROTEST THE LICENSE LAW.

A deputation representing the Canadian Pharmaceutical Association and the Ontario Association of Druggists waited on Hon. N. W. Rowell, minister in charge of the federal department of health, asking that some amendments be made in the Act respecting patent medicines, which was passed at the last session. Objection was made to the clauses providing that every druggist must register his formulas and secure license for those he uses. A fee of \$2 is charged for registration, and an additional fee of \$1 for the license. This, the druggists claim, is an unnecessarily heavy