

spirit he is alone to cultivate them. Those who oppose the science, having as its worthy object the prevention of suffering, need not be alarmed; its triumphs will not imperil the existence of religion, but pursued with zeal, applied with reverence and love, they will draw men nearer to God, and make them confess, as they seldom do now, His wisdom and beneficence.

"In the times of the Roman Emperors," says a profound writer of our day, "there appeared a sect which distinguished itself by the assiduous attention which it bestowed upon the bodily wants of mankind. This sect set the first example of a homely, practical philanthropy, occupying itself with the relief of ordinary human suffering, dispensing food and clothing to the destitute and starving. At the same period there appeared a sect, which was remarkable for the contempt in which it held human suffering. Roman magistrates were perplexed to find, when it became necessary to coerce this sect by penal inflictions, that bodily pains, tortures, and death itself were not regarded as evils by its members. These two sects appeared to run into contrary extremes. The one seemed to carry the regard for the body to the borders of effeminacy; the other pushed stoical apathy almost to madness. Yet these two sects were one and the same—the Christian Church. And though within the body every conceivable corruption has, at some time or other, sprung up, this tradition has never been long lost, and in every age the Christian temper has shivered at the touch of Stoic apathy, and shuddered at that of Epicurean indolence."

It is Christianity alone which makes sanitary science one of the great objects of the present age. Before Christ came upon earth philanthropy was unknown. The systematic prevention of disease is impossible where the love of mankind is not a possessing passion. Before Christ passed His days in works of benevolence, before He awakened in man a passionate, unselfish love for man, there had been few men who felt for mankind a lively, unselfish interest; there had perhaps never lived a man or woman who would have acknowledged it to be a bounden duty to love one's enemies, or to endure sorrow and privation for those alien in blood. It is an absurd piece of affectation to shudder at the mention of sanitary science, and to brand it as