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istered early, has robbed this disease of most of its terrors,—and yet the virtues of this were discredited by many until results were so convincing that any further argument against its use was untenable. We are still experiencing to a certain extent the same attack in regard to anti-typhoid vaccine. In fact all who have stood for the advancement of medical science and the science of preventive medicine have had to stand fast, at times, against withering fires of criticism and abuse. As has been recently expressed in the *New York Medical Record*: “The antiquated, fetish-like arguments against pasteurization, like floating corks, keep bobbing above the surface; but pasteurization has come to stay, and its success in everyday practice, year after year, and in the case of thousands upon thousands, yea, hundreds of thousands of infants whose lives have been saved by it, should quiet all hostile arguments.”

It was with a knowledge of the foregoing facts that the Local Board of Health on the recommendation of the Medical Officer of Health, passed the ordinance governing the pasteurization of Toronto's milk supply, after having previously considered most carefully every phase of the problem.

While we may at times feel sorry for those who are unable to keep pace with the advances of medical science, yet we cannot permit our sympathies to warp our judgments in the efficient administration of the sacred trust which has been placed in our hands.

Let me say in conclusion, while we will always courteously receive suggestions from any well-intentioned citizens and carefully weigh them, yet it must be remembered that a health ordinance is not a “scrap of paper,” to be crumpled up or revised to suit the whims of any group of citizens. The Local Board of Health and the Department of Public Health are alone responsible for the safeguarding of the health and lives of the citizens, and consequently they and they only must decide the policy of public health administration for the city.

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