

philanthropically combined wholesome hygienic truth with exhortations from our Saviour's mouth; but it should not be left to pure philanthropy, it should be the duty of the people through the Legislature to see that it is done.

The Missionary Societies of various denominations have so far identified this principle that they encourage all young aspirants to the ministry to study medicine, believing properly that their usefulness would be doubled; caring anxiously for the welfare of the soul, at the same time devoting their medical knowledge to the prevention or alleviation of disease.

If I recollect rightly, the professor of agriculture in University College was deputed by the Government to instruct farmers as to the character of crops, and nature of the soil of different districts, the best means of ensuring the largest possible amount of benefit from the same—if Government moneys could be thus righteously devoted to this object, then I say—a *fortiori*—should they by proper legislation provide for the body of man, for which the fruits of the soil are thus cared for.

It may be argued that the teaching of physiology in our public schools should be sufficient to this end—that would be absurd—it requires the experience and careful observation of a medical practitioner to fulfil this duty.

In conclusion, I would say, sir, on this point of sanitary precaution and prevention of disease—that internal supposed ideas of economy—internal dissensions in municipal bodies, will always prevent this measure being faithfully carried out—it must be enforced by higher authority—it is my opinion that in many instances much more could be embodied in a Statute than in the loose Bye-laws that the Statute gives the municipality powers to make.

When God put words into the mouth of the inspired Moses for the guidance of His people, He did not forget the health of the body, any more than the health of the soul. I trust he may be a Divine type for our present counsellors.

I am, sir, yours, &c.,

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