

a higher standard of health may be gained by the present and succeeding generations.

The solution of this great problem must be attempted in many directions. It must be sought in the power of legislative action, in the wide-spreading influence of education, and in the strength of social combination.

The part which legislation should take in promoting national health demands serious consideration. Legislation is the human imitation, or visible representation, of the greatest facts in the universe—law, and it derives from this representative character its immense power in moulding the mind and habits of a people; for, as the Divine laws of the human organization limit its powers and direct its modes of action, so the human laws which rule a people determine their modes of thought and their relations to one another. Legislation, therefore, not only represents the life of the present generation, but is the most powerful educator of the rising generation. Every law contains this latent power hidden within it, and so often overlooked. In every subject of legislation, whether it be the most trifling village regulation or the gravest international question, there are principles hidden behind the facts which induced legislation, and it is the attitude that legislation assumes towards those hidden principles, which stamps its character as good or evil, which makes the human law obedient or disobedient to Divine law.

The health of a nation is a most important