

addiction to tobacco in many instances. It was fortunate that women did not as yet use tobacco in England; for it was found, in the State tobacco factory at Iglau, in Vienna, that the female operatives who were suckling had their milk so impregnated with nicotine as to kill the infant in a large proportion of cases. Besides which, tobacco smoking contaminates the air of rooms and railway carriages, and is disagreeable to everybody, male and female, and not only to smokers. The use of tobacco favored paralysis of different kinds, paralysis agitans especially; and there could be no doubt in the minds of all who closely, and without prejudice, studied the case, that tobacco smoking was quite unlike tea or coffee; it was simply a vice, and not useful, but injurious to health.—*Medical and Surgical Reporter.*

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To the Editor of the SANITARY JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR,—In Germany and Russia leading sanitary reformers have organized national sanitary associations for promoting the study of sanitary science, and developing means for its practical application. England has its National Sanitary Association doing much service in the cause of sanitary reform; the United States has its Public Health Association, the second annual session of which has but recently been held in Philadelphia; our sister city of Montreal has an organized sanitary association. And yet progressive Ontario has not taken a step, nor has its capital city, toward the establishment of a health association of any description. This is to be lamented. Associations of this character are necessary for the progress of the great movement toward thorough sanitary organization. They act the part of pioneers in investigation, and in the education of the people in the great truths of sanitary science.

I think it might be of service if you would, through your valuable journal, bring before the public as frequently, and as forcibly as possible, the great good that might accrue from the establishment of a sanitary association, either as a provincial society, or in connection with Toronto only, as may be desired, and thus, perhaps, encourage some one to move decidedly in the matter. We, in Ontario, should not be behind any other country or place in any such movement.

Respectfully yours,

TORONTO, Dec. 17, 1874.

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