

ant questions solved according to the requirements of each country ; they give the authorities strength, confidence and courage to put into practice much needed measures ; they even force them to act. Schools, universities, local boards of health, municipal authorities and others feel the stimulus imparted and labour on with fresh and invigorating impetus.

Judging, as I do, from what has occurred elsewhere, I feel convinced that Montreal, and the Province in general, will reap much benefit from this learned and important congress. Wherever the Association has met it has stimulated and guided the march of progress, and it is becoming more and more respected and honoured by the grateful public, for it ever leaves behind it tangible and irrevocable proofs of the good work it propagates.

Ladies and gentlemen—Hygiene is no longer the patrimony of physicians exclusively ; it is a science open to all, laymen and clergymen, men and women. It needs supporters and workers in all classes—engineers, architects, teachers, chemists, etc., etc. In a word, it appeals to all who are competent to aid its progress.

This universality of sanitary science has been productive of the most brilliant results ; to it, we owe the greatest part of recent progress. What would hygiene be, to-day, bereft of the admirable discoveries of a layman, the illustrious Pasteur ?—that light of modern science who has created such a revolution in our knowledge of the true cause of contagious diseases, and their modes of spreading ; who has been the forerunner and inciter of all our modern effective methods of prevention and treatment of these scourges and is the real father of actual antiseptic medicine.

All cannot be Pasteurs, but all can work. Every one should contribute a mite of help or knowledge, thus securing universal interest and co-operation. There should be perfect solidarity as to individuals and nations, with regard to public hygiene.

Contagious diseases and epidemics respect no political frontiers ; it therefore requires union and a common interest to effectually put a check to their invasion and extension.