

discovered by the quarantine officer. All the 279 passengers were landed at quarantine. These persons comprised 51 families. Of the number, there were 174 children 18 years and under. The total number of cases was 71. 36 families developed cases; 15 families developed no cases, but the members of these 15 families were all grown up or had had measles recently. It is clear, then, in the condition under which these people were associated in the compartments, that every non-immune person was infected with measles within the short period of 24 hours.

If such is actually the situation, and its truth might be further abundantly illustrated by actual occurrences during the past six years, the fact that the increasing competition between steamship companies may gradually result in adequate remedies being supplied can hardly excuse inaction on the part of those responsible for seeing that what has just been illustrated should no longer be allowed to continue.

As in much of our sanitary progress, if not indeed in all of it, scientific certainty as to our facts is the first essential, so it is especially desirable that the public be informed that progress in this matter will inure to its benefit, and that there will be an elevation of the plane upon which the great commercial and industrial corporations carry on their business.

In the present matter, however, all these several stages have already been reached, both in the United States and in Canada; and from my personal investigations I am convinced that most European countries have likewise realized their duty in relation to the transportation of emigrants. Hence I am convinced that the time and occasion have arrived for making much more scientific and definite the regulations which govern the transportation of emigrants on shipboard, by insisting through boards of trade in the several countries and through immigration authorities that the essential sanitary requirements, which the competition for high class travel has brought about, in the ventilation and other sanitary conveniences of transatlantic vessels, be extended to all ships bringing immigrants to America.

Very stringent regulations are enforced regarding the moral conduct of ship's officers and men in their relation to emigrant passengers; it is surely high time that the sanitation of the vessel in relation to its effect upon their physical well-being be equally cared for.