

prove of considerable value in limiting the disease to the primary sufferers.

Some steps have also been taken in the matter of providing better accommodation for those having diseases requiring isolation. It is to be sincerely hoped that the question be not allowed to rest until properly accomplished. I think we will all agree that for those whom the authorities insist upon isolating in a hospital when they are not able to fulfil the requirements of the regulations at home, proper and adequate provision for their care and treatment should be made.

Upon such questions as these it may be very pertinently asked if we, as a profession, are not very remiss in our attitude toward preventative measures that must be undertaken by the various public bodies. It is rather the usual way for us to go on temporizing and putting up with all sorts of inconveniences for our patients and ourselves to the detriment of our results and consequently to our professional reputations. There is no doubt but that we as a class suffer in prestige and fail to accomplish much of the good of which we are capable by our lack of organization, or, perhaps, by our diffidence in laying our views before the public. It would be more dignified and business-like, I think, to state clearly our position as far as the present status of our knowledge will allow, upon all questions, municipal or national, necessary to safeguard the health and development of the human race.

It ought to be possible and feasible to provide machinery adequately representing the profession, that might be consulted or act in an initiatory way where desirable. Such a body ought to be of great value in the settlement of those difficulties upon which medical men as a class possess special knowledge.

There is another point in the relations between the public and the medical man upon which I shall speak briefly, mainly because it is not a live question here as yet but is so in the industrial countries of Europe and is sure to eventually be so here when our industrial population becomes greater.