

full of life, and health, and beauty, might be seen passing my window, little dreaming, and I would not have her know, how much she was indebted to the humble old man in his office near by for the continuance of the life she now so much enjoyed."

Gentlemen of the Canada Medical Association: Why do I enter into this matter at all while the beautiful and interesting fields of scientific discovery are so inviting? Believe me, I have no relish for it, and more than once have I turned with loathing from the task. But, let me ask, is there no necessity? Do you not perceive in spots here and there in our Canada, and chiefly along the border, a knowledge of the physiology of conception, and alas! a knowledge of the means of its prevention, which would be better unlearned? It could not be that crimes which a Storer denounced in Massachusetts; a DeForrest or a Thomas in New York; or an Allen in Rhode Island, could have continued to be confined to the adjoining Union. Like the Colorado bug it would cross the border, and produce its work of mischief here. And it has been suggested to me that a few plain words proceeding from this chair—having a weight, a character and a quality which might be attached to the utterances of the occupant, honoured, for the moment, as the mouthpiece of this important Association—would not be misplaced or ill-timed.

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