

physicians in their practice and instructive to the public. The Board of Health holds closely to the idea that education in the care of health does more to diminish disease than all other agents combined. It is the old idea of a pound of prevention, and the present Board of Health has developed it almost to a science, since it reaches the public in every way that the public can be reached, through circulars, placards, pamphlets, newspapers and moral suasion, exercised in person by its physicians and nurses.

In the new series of publications it is intended to consider one affliction at a time and show precisely what the Health Department has done to lessen or eradicate it. At the same time each individual of the community is made to understand what he must do to guard his own health and what he should do to aid the department in conserving the health of the public. In this regard the first book of the series, just off the press, has a strong personal appeal.

It appears from perusal that every one has a personal interest in the subject, whether he knows it or not, even if it is pulmonary tuberculosis, from which very strong men feel particularly free, though from the records it would appear that none is assured of immunity. Dr. John S. Billings, jun., chief of the division of communicable diseases, is the author. He tells of all the work that has been done and of the fight the doctors of the city made on the measures adopted by the Board of Health to give the department absolute control in the regulation of this malady, particularly the resistance they offered in the Legislature to the prevention of the sanitary code, which made it necessary for every case of tuberculosis to be reported and registered.

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#### DR. ADAM H. WRIGHT HONORED.

On the 29th of November last many of the friends of Dr. Adam H. Wright honored him with a banquet on the occasion of his retiring from the trading staff of the University of Toronto. He was presented with an address and a silver tea service.

Professor W. H. Ellis read the following poem :

When you and I were babes, Adam,  
 In good Prince Albert's time  
 The word went forth that war should cease,  
 Commerce should link all lands, and Peace  
 Should dwell in every clime.