

need of their open-handed aid to their afflicted brethren, fast coming into dire straits for a place whereon to lay their wearied frames.

Shunned by their neighbours, yes, by their intimate friends to say nothing of their relations, passed on from hand to hand, refused admission here and there, strength fast waning, slender means and opportunities for replenishing their financial resources rapidly fading from their horizon, their condition is indeed pitiable, but beyond it all the stern sanitarian is forced to keep in view the greater problem—the protection from disease of the greater number. Self interests are beginning to tell; the home of the merchant prince or millionaire capitalist is not regarded as sacred ground by the tubercle bacillus, who expends his unmerciful ravages wherever he is an invited guest, and once granted an asylum, he is not easily dethroned or turned adrift by the forces of culture, ease, refinement or wealth.

The cry is now being heard to arise in the land: "Keep us free from contamination by this awful scourge which brings sorrow and disaster to so many of our homes. Do not allow consumptives to mix with well people."

Prohibit them from public places. Shut the doors of our churches, our theatres, our railways, our public conveyances to them. Do not allow them to expectorate on the public streets, to say nothing of such a practice inside the four walls of a building—in other words, isolate them from all mankind. The answer is simple. It is impossible to work so radical a change immediately, but if those who are revelling in the enjoyment of sound health and in the possession of this world's goods will come to our aid, we will gradually but surely bring about a wonderful amelioration of the conditions above referred to. Help us to erect sanatoria in healthy situations accessible to the vast majority. Place these patients under suitable conditions by the expenditure of some of your overflow of means, and even a moderate lifetime will not be by any means too short to witness a revolution in the death rate and in the altered relationship that these afflicted patients now bear to their more highly favoured brethren.

In a small way such institutions are beginning to raise their heads in this country. I believe their number will rapidly increase and not be really felt as a burden on the public.

The Ontario Legislature has passed a bill at its last session providing a way by which one or more municipalities may establish a sanatorium for the care and treatment of consumptives. The province offers to bear a reasonable share of the cost and, when in working order, will pay out of the public funds \$1.50 per head per week to assist in maintenance; and the Act also provides that a further like sum may become a