

ance of the disease was from eight to nine years. They rarely die in less than five years, and the greatest prolongation of life was that in the case of Judith Arseneau, now about twenty-five years a leper. I have endeavoured to check this statement. In the first place, of the lepers at present in the lazaretto, one has been ill two years; one, three years; two, four years; one, twelve years; one, thirteen years; and one, twenty-five years—giving an average of nine years illness each; but if we omit Judith Arseneau, whose case is exceptional, the average duration of illness is about six and a half years, which would agree very well with the statement made. Of twenty cases published by Dr. Bayard, the average duration of illness at times observed was about five years. The cases comprised one of ten and another of sixteen years standing. Again, the nuns told me they had been in charge of the lazaretto for twelve years, and the average number of lepers varied from 20 to 24 at first, 25 being the largest number, but that latterly there had only been from fifteen to twenty. During this time there had been fifty-three deaths, which would point to an average duration of life of about five years. This is rather under the nuns' estimate, but since it is probable that the lepers do not come into the lazaretto immediately upon the first manifestation of the diseases, and should we on that account add one or two years to this average, it will bring it fully near the nuns' estimate. The nuns thought that those that were attacked young died sooner than those that were attacked later in life; and that those that had eruptions on their skin live longer than those that had not. The nuns told me there were three modes of death. Generally the lepers died of "consumption." They coughed much, spat up a good deal, and gradually became weak, lost flesh, and wasted away. I inquired if they ever spat blood, and they said not. The pigmented lepers might "choke," and die suddenly; or, lastly, a leper previously in moderate health, might suddenly vomit up a large quantity of matter and die almost immediately.

The lepers receive hardly any treatment. The nuns told me they had tried quinine, arsenic, mercury, iron, and iodides, all of which gave excellent results at first, but after a time had