

To my view, these conditions clearly indicate the role our Society may most profitably fill, which is the education of the public in the principles and practice to be followed by us in dealing with this dread disease.

The discovery of the bacillus of Tuberculosis has changed utterly the treatment of the sufferers,—old methods are abandoned and in the face of facts, which we are assured are unchallengeable, that the disease is communicable from one sufferer to others,—that it is curable,—that it is not hereditary, at least in the sense formerly believed, all these facts urged on a constantly enlarging circle of patients, make me sanguine enough to hold the opinion that, granted the acceptance and faithful obedience to the directions of the officers of our Society, we may attain to a vast diminution, if not to the absolute extinction of the disease.

Now, thanks to the munificent and whole-hearted gift of Colonel Burland and his Sisters, we have attained to the possession of an admirable home and centre of effort, a fortress planted in the country of the enemy, from which, as a base, the enemy may be assailed. And I am confident that the sincere thanks of all who now inspect these commodious and well equipped premises will be given to the generous donors. They have given us “a local habitation and a name.” It is for us to see that it is fully and efficiently used in the great work of our Society.

The deep interest which has always been evinced by our Sovereign, KING EDWARD, in the welfare of his subjects has again been manifested by the gracious permission to incorporate his name in our title.

Among the many messages of regret at inability to attend the ceremony this afternoon, is a telegram from His Excellency the Governor-General, which is as follows:—