

he became so skilled in healing that Jupiter became jealous lest through him men might escape death altogether, and, to please Pluto, killed Aesculapius with a thunderbolt. He left Epigone (soothing), his wife, and his children, Alexenor (aider of men), Aratus (the prayed for), Hygieia (soundness of body), Jaso (a remedy), and Panacea (a healing herb), and as appears from these names in their order, those children concerned with the healing art, Jaso and Panacea were placed last. Without, however, pushing this illustration further, it is apparent that to those open-eyed Greeks the preventive side of Medicine stood in highest honor, and to-day we are similarly realizing the superior value of this side of the science. It is somewhat remarkable that, with the practical application of preventive measures in every other art and science, preventive measures in Medicine were so long overlooked. The mariner knew that a leak in his boat must promptly be stopped, otherwise it would soon swamp and so he stopped it; the engineer knew that one slight breach in the embankment, if not remedied, meant an inundation, and so repaired it; while the threatening conflagration is prevented when but a small fire. But for the reasons already referred to, physical sickness was carried into the moral sphere and was dealt with along other than physical lines. Public prayers were called for, and general humiliation during the outbreaks of cholera and small-pox, even in Canada within the past fifty years; while people continued to drink polluted water and refuse vaccination.

It seems quite evident, therefore, that the subject of our paper is not an inappropriate one for us to discuss and to endeavor to comprehend in its bearing, not only upon personal well-being, but upon good citizenship. If we analyze the reasons for the material and industrial progress of one of Ontario's cities, if we ask why the Province of Ontario has become the garden of the Dominion, and a hive of manufacturing industry, we all are quite ready to answer, "Because the intelligent energy of our people has taken advantage of physical conditions, as of soil and climate, and water-power, and wind-power, and, by utilizing natural forces, has produced an abundance of raw materials and has converted them into the manufactured article. Such has supplied in over one hundred cities, towns, and villages, public water for common convenience and economy, and for preventing losses by fire. In every one of these particulars we have the measure of an elevation in the social scale through the intellectual advancement of the people. Natural causes produce their inevitable effects, and material comfort, social happiness, and individual well-being are all advanced in a most logical and natural manner. If I am right in carrying this line of thought into the sphere of Medicine, and the mortality statistics of the Province support the argument, then it would seem apparent, in proportion as we understand the causes productive of