

While all agree that the members of the Board of Management of the Water Supply have performed their financial duties faithfully, let me say to them, that they embrace but a fractional part of their responsibility. Money can be replaced, but life can not. If it is true, as I have claimed, that lives have been lost, in consequence of the character of the water, which should not have been lost, then the responsibility must fall upon those in charge of the supply—a heavy one, indeed. If my conclusions are doubted, all I ask is, that they study the subject, and seek farther advice. The matter is of too much importance to be passed over with the assertion, that it is a fad of Dr. Bayard's. The day has passed for such a conclusion, proving, as it does, ignorance, prejudice, or want of study. This subject has been before the authorities for years; nothing has been done, while death, sickness and misery follow in the wake of neglect. And we have a right to assume that nothing will be done until pressure has been brought to bear upon them. And may I ask you to aid in bringing that pressure, study the subject, and, if you believe what I have said, educate your neighbour to the same belief.

The remedy will cost much money, and should not be adopted without due consideration and upon the best engineering advice obtainable. But when sickness and death—with their attendant miseries—are placed in one scale, it should require a large amount of money to outbalance it. Man, as a rule, will be impressed by that which he sees rather than by that which he hears. I am quite sure that if I could take some of the sceptics to the bedside of the sick and dying, and let them witness the suffering and lamentation of those losing dear ones, it would touch the soft spot of the heart, and they would support the measure at any cost.