

and that of a celebrated French physician who once bled some smallpox patients to note if venesection would help or harm them, cannot be too vigorously condemned. The medical profession cannot afford to lower itself by doing things that do not commend themselves to the reason of the world.

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### THE COST OF TYPHOID FEVER.

This is a disease that comes high. Man is one of those sort of animals that are their own worst enemies. Man does things that no other animal will do. In his search for comfort he erects houses, places in these closets, and from these lays pipes to the nearest river or lake. This is not all. He then pumps the water from these back to his house for use.

The ordinary value placed on the lives lost through typhoid fever, male and female, is an average of \$1,700. This is the result of British investigation and was adopted by the committee of one hundred in the United States.

Now, allow that in an outbreak of typhoid fever in a city there should be 100 deaths, the monetary loss thus caused would be \$170,000. To this must be added the loss of time and expenses incurred by those who were ill, but recovered. This is usually estimated at more than the loss in money caused by those who die.

Then we have those who are ill from the bad water, but who do not have typhoid fever. Professor Hazen has estimated that for every one who is ill with typhoid fever, the sewage polluted water causes three other cases of sickness. It is time great cities began to think seriously about this matter.

But the governments must act. It will not do for towns and villages and cities to be allowed to pour their filth into the natural waters of the country. If man will live in herds, that is in the urban fashion, he must be compelled to properly dispose of his own offal. The cry of cost will not do for an answer. It would cost something to procure a chain and a stake for a savage dog; but then it must be done, if the owner wishes to keep him.

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### THE CANADA MEDICAL ACT.

We have much pleasure in quoting the following editorial remarks on this very important subject from *The Montreal Medical Journal* of April. These comments set forth the condition of affairs very succinctly,