

all others free, but keep these persons, not in old-fashioned quarantine, but under such control that their discharges will not pass to others; and do not measure the length of that control by fixed time limits, blind and unjust as quarantine itself, but measure it wholly by the length of time the germs remain in or on the body. The moment that the germs have left those persons they are no longer harmful and they should be freed.

To do this properly means intimate attention and supervision of infectious persons by men who know their business and do nothing else. If one such man to every 20,000 persons began, tomorrow, everywhere, his work, infectious diseases in ten years would have vanished and would have become mere history.

SUMMARY.

This, then, is the conclusion. The old ideas have passed; the new are no longer theories but facts; the methods they require are not untried; they have been practiced for years in Minnesota. The details are worked out, the field is ready, the scope and cost are known. All that remains is to apply the methods developed in this state to all infections, thus wiping them all out, once and for all. The way is clear, what remains is to follow it; the method is known, what remains is to carry it out; the thing we, as a race for centuries have prayed for, can be done; all that remains is to do it.

Each generation of Minnesotans pays now for infectious disease two hundred million dollars at the least, *and has the diseases, too!* Why not pay one-tenth this sum and rid ourselves of all of them forever?