

believe that whatever is necessary for the safety of a community, if it is in the government's power to do it, ought to be done. The safety of the State is the supreme law, and I am sure that the address made to-night by Dr. Barrick shows that a case is before us with which the public, represented by the Legislature and our municipalities, ought to deal.

I am sure, Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, that Toronto will not be wanting in its duty. We shall, in the first place, have an institution in this city that shall be worthy of Toronto, and our example will influence the whole Province. I should suppose, from what Dr. Barrick has said, that there is room, that there is necessity for perhaps a dozen or a score of similar institutions throughout the province of Ontario.

I trust that the meeting which we have attended here to-night is the beginning of a movement that will do a great deal of good, that will remove a great deal of suffering, and that will bring joy and comfort to many families and individuals in our country. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT LOUDON—Mr. Chairman and Ladies and Gentlemen: I presume the most important item on the programme is the part relating to the business, and as that has not yet been reached, I shall not detain you more than a few moments.

Let me say, then, in the first place, that in my opinion there is no citizen of Toronto who will not approve most heartily of the primary object of this Association—the establishment of Sanatoria for the treatment of consumption. I hope, however, that when this object has been accomplished the Association will not imagine that its whole duty has been done. The ultimate object of every member should be to preach the gospel of sanitation, and to see that others practice what he preaches. To this end the first step is to educate the people in those preventive measures which have been referred to. These should not be confined to Sanatoria. Every man's home should be a sanatorium, and I am glad to know that with the means now at our command it is possible for one to have consumption fairly well treated in the house. I suppose that many present knew the late Dr. W. T. Aikins, who for a long time was my own physician. As many know, the prevention of consumption was a subject on which he was never tired of talking, one of the remedies on which he insisted being a proper system of ventilation in the home, to provide the patient with pure air. So zealous was he in this matter that he personally often devised a means of ventilating a room. Indeed, his visits could be recognized by the ventilating devices he left behind him. It would be a good thing if every member of this Association had a little of Dr. Aikins' zeal in this particular matter.

Another duty devolving on us will be to strengthen the hands of the Health Inspectors; to encourage them when they do their duty, and to give them reminders when they fail to do so. Perhaps the most important of these duties, so far as consumption is concerned, is the inspection of our milk supply. Milk, if it is pure, is perhaps the best product we have. If it is not pure, it is, perhaps, the most dangerous