

and never rest until they get it. Hundreds of good men have been laboring for years in the so-called temperance cause, doing a good work ; thousands have signed petitions to our legislators urging legislation upon the temperance question, with a view to prohibition. But there are many other evils of great magnitude, besides the alcoholic, requiring prohibitory legislation, and which seem to be overlooked by the temperance people. Evils which lead to, and propagate intemperance ; evils which enfeeble the population, and destroy self control ; evils from which men flee to the intoxicating cup. The breathing of foul air from over-crowding, from the decomposition of organic matter, etc., and the drinking of impure water should be prohibited ; over-crowding, the accumulation of filth, and living in unventilated habitations, and up damp undrained ground might be prohibited ; the use of tobacco might, to say the least, just as properly and consistently be prohibited as the use of spirituous liquors ; overwork, and overstudy in unventilated school-rooms, and the use of improper food, might be prohibited. Prohibitionists should not therefore be content with waging war upon alcohol. Resolutions and petitions in favor of prohibitory legislation upon these other evils might prove more effectual than those in behalf of the "temperance" cause have hitherto proved. Legislation upon these other evils would probably meet with less opposition. Filth and foul air and water do not swell the revenue as do alcoholic beverages, and people are not generally so fond of the former as of the latter. It is to be hoped then that broader views may be taken of the ills which bring misery and degradation upon the human family, and that resolutions may be passed by bodies of men in Canada when opportunity offers, and even petitions be circulated and signed, requesting and urging the governing bodies to take some immediate action toward placing the country in a better sanitary condition.

If local medical associations would take up the matter, and adopt resolutions in favor of some immediate legislation with a view to the establishing of a Bureau of Sanitary statistics, they would exert no inconsiderable influence, and aid our con-