

THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

SCIENCE knows no limitation of race, language or geography. The earnest scientist rejoices in the discovery of every new truth, whatever the nationality of the patient searcher who was so fortunate as to unearth it. On the other hand, the discoverer is willing and eager to share his newly acquired knowledge with his fellow investigators throughout the broad domains of the earth, regardless of nationality or birthplace. If this is true of science in general, it is true in a greater degree of our own beloved science of medicine. By the devotees of no other is the grand conception of the brotherhood of man so completely and so practically recognized.

Especially has the growing custom of holding medical and hygienic conventions, conferences and congresses in the various great cities and scientific centres of the world, thus affording members of the profession opportunities for personal as well as literary intercourse, contributed to the strengthening of this *entente cordiale*.

This is the second time that this association has met on American soil, and again it holds out a hand of kindly greeting to its brethren across the imaginary line which separates two great nations, distinct indeed politically, but one in all that constitutes unanimity of sentiment, harmony of aspiration toward a nobler and truer life, and community of labor for the advancement of medical science, and hence of humanity at large.

I appreciate the courtesy extended to me in having been requested to appear before this distinguished body, and to contribute my humble mite towards the great treasury of knowledge which it is constantly amassing.

Nine years have elapsed since your last assembling on this continent. In that brief space of time what changes have taken place!