

effects in a miniature way, and the daily warnings and precautions of enlightened men to their patients and the patients' friends are slowly but surely extending this gospel over the whole universe. I have been struck often with the information possessed on the subject by even the ignorant and poorer classes, who with but a superficial smattering of knowledge eagerly seize upon the good news, and endeavor to carry out, even in a perfunctory way, the instructions laid down for their guidance.

It took a very long time, gentlemen, to inoculate the marvellous news of vaccination, often into an unwilling public, but if ever anything was proved, it has surely been put beyond cavil that a community properly protected by vaccination is practically fearless about small-pox. It has taken a longer time still to influence the ravages of syphilis, but the patient efforts of our profession, throughout all civilized countries, is having its just reward, and the poison has become gradually attenuated as each decade has come and gone, until now-a-days, except under unusual circumstances, we rarely see the revolting, disgusting and manifest lesions once so common and easy of daily demonstration.

Just so it will be, in my belief, with the white plague now a menace to the human race. The efforts of science—the revelations of the microscope and the patient work of the bacteriologist and the clinician—have given us sufficient information whereon we can base a practical standard of conduct, and even now we can observe the result of our earnest and painstaking efforts to prevent the spread of this dire malady from patient to patient. It is not for me, on this occasion, to weary you with details that are instilled into us all more surely and with greater vigor than our catechisms ever were; but I would take this opportunity to say that none of us are too humble or unknown to take, each one for himself, a fair share of this grand work.

The time has come when those of us who are connected with public institutions must steadfastly set his face against receiving consumptives into his wards. Such a change of demeanor towards the sick and suffering cannot be carried out too suddenly, lest we unnecessarily shock the refined but untutored sensibilities of a philanthropic public; but the more we fight against this practice, and the more we spread the knowledge, the sooner will philanthropists come to recognize the crying need of their open-handed aid to their afflicted brethren, fast coming into dire straits for a place whereon to lay their wearied frames.

Shunned by their neighbors; yes, by their intimate friends, to say nothing of their relations, passed on from hand to hand, refused admission here and there, strength fast waning, slender means, and opportunities for replenishing their financial resources rapidly fading from their horizon, their condition is indeed pitiable,