

I trust it will appear, from what I have said, and the authorities I have referred to, that any measures of prevention which require seclusion of the sick, much less the severity of Lazaretto regulations, are not warranted, on this occasion, by the facts on which their adoption is grounded; and as their uselessness and impolicy have nearly expunged them from the code of civilized nations.

The formation of any hospital *exclusively* for the reception of leprous patients is also objectionable, as entailing an endless expense on the Province; especially if County Hospitals already exist, or similar establishments, into which, as experience has abundantly shewn, they may be received without the remotest injury to other patients; and of which, the "Report" itself furnishes ample proof. The disease being incurable, little good is to be expected from hospital treatment; which, at best, could only be palliative. Much, however, may be done to obviate some of the causes which render the human body liable to various diseases arising from noxious emanations, as well as from atmospheric influence and hereditary predisposition, by inculcating the necessity of a proper hygiene throughout the French population of that district; by which the constitution may be enabled to resist the influence of external agents; and without which, it is to be feared, the disease will finally cease only with the extinction of the race.

With this view, enquiry should be made by the Clergymen of the district to which the disease is confined, into the habits and means of subsistence of the several families under their pastoral care,—their occupations, their clothing, their ordinary food, and the state of their habitations; and according to their age, sex and number of children, such pecuniary aid should be given as would relieve their wants, stimulate their industry, and, not less important, dispel despondency and grief, by shewing them that a general interest had been awakened in their favour, and that the present evil was not altogether beyond the reach of relief. The appropriations of money from the public purse for this humane and benevolent purpose should, for obvious reasons, be entrusted to the hands of the Roman Catholic Bishop of New-Brunswick and the Pastors of the district; to be distributed at their discretion and responsibility, rendering an account of the disbursements to the Executive Government of the Province, which alone should have power to controul them.

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