

that is about the only feature of this question that I am at all capable of discussing.

Now, I daresay I myself and you are largely influenced by what we hear and what we see; and we have heard from this platform to-night, and we have heard through the press, statements made and statistics given us as to the growth or development of this disease in our midst, known, as Dr. Wright has said, by the plain word "consumption." Now because of the advance in medical science and the discoveries which have been made and backed up by these statistics as given, we find that we have a number of gentlemen, and some ladies I am glad to say, who interested themselves and formed themselves into a Citizen's Committee. Dr. Barrick has very nicely covered the ground as to the operations and the work done by that committee. They approached the Legislature, and the Legislature which is the voice of the people, to carry out the voice of the people, was ready, and did, we are glad to be able to say, place a law on the statute book endorsing a movement such as we have collected together in this hall to-night to discuss, perhaps it may be said, for inaugural purposes.

Now the Legislature, whose sympathy is with this work, and every right-minded man and woman in this city and in this province cannot help but think, and stop seriously to think, from the statements that we have heard to-night as to the great necessity there is for an institution where those who are perhaps less favored than we are and who are called upon to suffer and to die, may be properly cared for. Now, sir, I think it may be truly said that in the City of Toronto there is sufficient human kindness in the hearts of the people of all classes, of all creeds and denominations—and I am glad, sir, that you made that statement in your opening remarks that we do not represent any class or any denomination or creed in connection with this great work and in the formation of this society for the purposes which have been set forth very clearly by Dr. Barrick.

Then, sir, we are now in a fair way to establish a Sanatorium such as may be helpful to the many who are closed up in our cities and who get this disease. When some of us were boys, and even of late days we did not think so much of this disease known as consumption; we did not fear it so much as it had not been said that it was contagious to the same extent that we have it now. Some of us, perhaps, have been called upon to see some of our friends afflicted with this disease. I may say that I have known in my own experience one family in this city, with whom I was intimately associated and acquainted, where the father took sick, and after being ill for about a year he died, leaving eight children and his wife. During the seven years following six of his children with his wife died, making eight of that family that were taken over to the majority by consumption. These things, together with the statements which we have heard here to-night, are something, as I said before, that should stir us up, and is stirring us up to active work, and we are here to-night, and I do not think, sir, that for you or for me or for any gentleman on this platform or for any lady or gentle-