

stirred up sanitarians of the world and thus aroused the interest of the general public. The great sanitary congress held last year in London and presided over by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was an evidence, should such be wanting, illustrative of the deep interest now being taken in public hygiene.

Science has much to do with the possible triumphs of sanitary reform. It is the art, however, not the science alone—the doing, not exactly the knowing, that must take first rank in the medical work of life. It is, in fact, the actual bearing of the necessary training that directs the after life-work of the physician. Doubtless there is great value in science, and in medical practice such science as can be turned to practical account, does far more to build up a professional reputation than *accumulated theories*, which cannot in any way be applied to the really great work of the physician. Doubtless you have profited by the application of this form of medical training, scientific in its character, and at a time of your mental evolution, when the formation of habits of observation is of the greatest possible value. It is the care and accuracy of your observations and practices, the soundness and balance of your judgment, which will alone enable you to turn to practical account the varied knowledge you have acquired. The application of scientific methods and a scientific mind to the problems of disease is actually more than the study of a single life-time. Let man rejoice in the promotion of truth. True, science is ever humble, and discoverers such as Newton and Faraday were the humblest of men. How vigorous have been the attacks on Sir Joseph Lister, the father of antiseptic surgery, and with what commendable spirit he upheld his position, marking beyond doubt the greatness of the man. It is well to be up and doing, keeping pace with every line of advance in our profession. True, we are living in an age remarkable for its discoveries. The younger members must not run away with the idea that the aged fathers in the profession are not likewise progressive. This is a reading age as well, in which current medical literature is almost superabundant, and young and old must labour and continue to work in order to keep anything like pace with the progress of science. The affiliation of