

and various other evils tending to decrease the native fertility, the older and (save the mark) more enlightened States of the Union would rapidly fall off in population, but for the influx of foreign procreative elements. In Canada, this crime hitherto has been mainly restricted, though not entirely, to cases of illegitimate pregnancy; but in the United States it is now recognized as almost a commendable household virtue. What wondrous anomalies do not the histories of some nations present! Here have we a people who waded through four long years of war, almost unparalleled in effusion of blood and sacrifice of treasure, all for an idea—the perpetuation of the Union—and yet they seem utterly reckless as to the perpetuation of the race who are to constitute that Union! They have fought, and bled, and suffered, and have inflicted sufferings which history will never detail, all for an heirloom of nationality which is to descend to strangers, and God only knows how these strangers will use the bequest.

Does it not behove us to look well to the stealthy, but very sure-paced progress of an enormity which so thoroughly penetrates the entire community in the neighboring country? It is here. It is spreading. Its villainous perpetrators are among us, and I blush to say it, but truth and a solemn conviction of duty compel the utterance, some of them—not many I trust—claim rank in our Profession. I trust they will feel sufficiently conscious of the fact that they are too closely watched to dare ever to seek for entrance into your body, but if they should, I think, gentlemen, I may well trust to your honour and virtue, and public spirit, to exclude them from your list of membership.

At the conclusion of the paper, it was proposed by Dr. Hall and seconded by Dr. Hallowell, that the thanks of the meeting be tendered to Dr. Workman for his able and interesting address. The motion was carried by acclamation.

On the part of the Society the Chairman returned his warmest thanks and hoped that they would have many opportunities of seeing the Dr. at future meetings.

It was next proposed by Dr. Winstanley and seconded by Dr. Thorburn, that the daily press of Toronto be requested to publish the paper *in extenso*.

Proposed by Dr. Thorburn, seconded by Dr. Canniff, that it be also published in pamphlet form.

Dr. Workman had not a great deal of faith in pamphlets, and he recollected what the late Bishop of Toronto said, that a shower of pamphlets had not the power of a single newspaper.