

tion in this city during the last six months and there is every prospect that this move is not destined to be of an ephemeral character. Let each of our members do what in him lays for the general good of our calling and the combined effort will prove of golden grain.

Whatever affects the community at large in the shape of legislation commends itself to the consideration of the medical profession, and the pros and cons of the proposed enactments now before the local legislature call for close attention. At the present time there are several raids contemplated on the liberty of the subject. Legislation is attempted to be carried out, that if passed would render unavailing all efforts to induce a desirable immigration to our Province: true, we may populate it, but with great expense, with the pauper families of the Eastern world but, whom we would have for years to carry before they became productive. Is that the class of immigrants that Manitoba and Northwestern Canada is now languishing for? Assuredly not. Capital for the development of our great resources is what we are sorely in need of, and the scum and paupers of Europe are the very last class of immigrants that our need calls for. It is not contended that we only want large capitalists, or millionaires, though we would warmly welcome them if they came, we want men and women, with sufficient capital to start the settler in life, free of debt, and with funds to carry him on until his labor becomes productive. How, if these contemplated enactments became law would this country be regarded by free men? Simply as a land lapsed into medieval tyranny, where the oppressive and multiple machinery of government was enslaving the people. What with a Lord's Day Act, a prohibition Act, a Curfew Act, and probably a few others in reserve. The Province of Manitoba, notwithstanding its advantages, and phenomenal fertility, would be the best shunned place on the face of the earth. On a summer's evening in Manitoba after the sweltering heat of the day, about 8 o'clock life becomes enjoyable, yet, that is the hour, that the poor children are to

be condemned to the close and oftentimes stifling atmosphere of ill-ventilated rooms, and this to gratify the whims of a few fossil minds. Taken alone in a hygienic point of view the proposition is an intolerable one. If those parties who are so anxious to see measures which the enlightenment of the world has shown to be mischievous and unnecessary, were to be asked if they favored class legislation, it is probable they would indignantly deny it. Yet the Curfew enactment would be class legislation pure and simple. Those in a pecuniary position to live in houses surrounded with lawns and gardens, would be unaffected by this law, but the laborer and the poor man living at the street side, without space in front or rear, where his children could breathe the refreshing evening air would be compelled to send them into the heated atmosphere of the small room or rooms of which this class of house is usually composed. This would mean disease and death to many a child, to be laid at the door of these unthinking agitators. Prohibition is another fad, a will o' wisp which they may pursue to the crack of doom—for no legislation ever could or can compass it. Temperance in all things is to be commended. Temperance in eating, in drinking, and we must not forget, in legislation also. But this attempt to coerce the majority at the hands of the minority can only meet with deserved defeat, and it will but engender discord and feelings of acrimony between hitherto friendly parties. No English word is more misapplied than is the word temperance. We are told "to be temperate in all things," and there can be little doubt that the great majority of the world's people would cordially support any reasonable legislation for the promotion of this doctrine, especially in the consumption of alcoholic liquors and narcotic drugs. But to attempt the total prohibition of their use is chimerical in this, the closing days of the 19th century, and were any government so unwise as to attempt its enforcement it could but result in a greater evil. A few words as to the proposed Lord's Day legislation. Is there a country in the world where the Sabbath is more decorously observed than it is in the Dominion of