

accompanied by destitution and want. The Medical Board, through you, are very desirous of calling the attention of the proper authorities to the very defective sanitary condition of the tenement houses of this city. Many of them are unfit for human habitation, surrounded, as they frequently are, by decomposing animal and vegetable matter, bad drains and cesspools—it is hardly to be wondered at that such diseases as diphtheria, scarlatina, and others of a zymotic origin are rife amongst us. The bad condition of our city, in a sanitary point of view, undoubtedly favors the spread of contagious diseases, and increases their mortality.

This matter affects the health not of a few persons, but the entire community, and where prevention is possible, no efforts should be spared to secure it.

The Board again have much pleasure in testifying to the ability of Mr. Puttner. He is always at his post, willing and ready to carry out the wishes of the gentlemen in attendance.