

thing said about them in Parliament, but as they are only human infants no one cares for them."

Societies for the protection of animals are organized in every country, powers readily obtained from governments to punish whomsoever injures his horse or calf, whilst legislation to prolong human life is obstructed and opposed. Our pretended enlightened civilization has reversed the order of things, humanity to animals, destruction to human life seems to be the aim of our Pagan age. Let us first educate man, and beasts shall benefit thereby. A society to protect animals has been for some time in existence in Montreal; should we attempt to organize one to protect infants the idea would probably be ridiculed and scorned.

You remark that Quebec is ahead of Ontario in sanitary affairs. A permanent committee on hygiene has been organized amongst the medical men of the legislature of Quebec. A bill to regulate burials has been passed for the province of Quebec; and a report on compulsory vaccination adopted. The constant high death rate of Montreal has prompted us to act, but how slow we have progressed since the six years that the work has been commenced, we can say that we are only on the eve of accomplishing something practical. We meet yet with great opposition from the anti-vaccinators, not only in vaccination but in other health matters. The consequence of that opposition was that the death rate by small pox, last year, in the city and surroundings, was 827 French Canadians, 126 Irish and Scotch Catholics, and Catholics of other countries, and 70 Protestants. The total mortality of the city proper was 4,826; the population being estimated at 139,666, gives 34.51 per 1,000. There were 3,990 Catholic deaths; the population being 101,291, giving 39.39 per 1,000. Protestant death rate was 836; population 32,385, giving 21.78 per 1,000. It is painful to see such a high death rate caused by diseases, the greater part of which, according to the scientific world, can be prevented by sanitary measures.

Our worthy new mayor, Dr. Hingston, whose inaugural address I forward you, and who was called to the mayoralty by