

people. He refers to the laws in some of the U. S. states where this has been adopted, and is working well.

The Infectious Diseases Hospital, of Melbourne, is very much overcrowded. The Brisbane General Hospital had 213 patients under treatment at last report. In the Hobart General Hospital the daily number of occupied beds were 108. The hospital for infectious diseases at Hobart treated 36 cases of diphtheria at a cost of \$3,000.

John Bale, Sons and Danielsson, of London, England, announce that in the autumn of this year they will commence the publication of a monthly journal called "*The Child*." The journal will be edited by Dr. T. N. Kelynack and will be devoted to the welfare and betterment of child life.

In the case of the Stevens' Consumption Cure, which advertised a guarantee of a stated sum if the cure failed when directions were followed, Judge Gye gave a verdict for £10 to a widow who brought action for recovery under the guarantee. The judge stated that any attempt at fraud should be suppressed.

Dr. Babinski, the eminent neurologist, has recently published an article on hypnotism. He does not give it a very prominent place among therapeutic agents; and says that it has fallen almost into disuse. There are a few hysterics, the victims of unto-suggestion, who may be benefited by it. Thus has the great idol of thirty years ago fallen!

Among the proposals of the Mansion House Committee, London, England, was one to buy up the whole medical profession of Britain. There are about 32,000 in actual practice in the British Isles and their total income is placed at £8,000,000 per annum. This capitalized at 5 per cent. would require \$160,000,000 to endow the whole medical profession of Britain and enable every one to attend free any one who sought advice. The scheme is regarded by some as rather visionary.

Mr. Bramwell Booth is urging in Britain that steps be taken to prevent feeble-minded persons marrying; and also to take charge of them in such a way that they can neither become criminals, nor give birth to illegitimate children. He claims that this plan would cost less in the end than the present method of allowing these persons a good deal of personal liberty. The birth-rate in Germany has begun to decline. Last year it was only 23.9 per 1,000 inhabitants. In 1899 it was 37.

David Livingstone, the noted explorer, was a student of Charing Cross Hospital, London. The year 1913 will be the centenary of his birth, and it is proposed to open a million shilling fund for the purpose of equipping the hospital in an up-to-date manner. Communications should be sent to Rev. A. W. Oxford, M.D., Charing Cross Hospital. One would think there should be more than a million shillings for such a purpose. Livingstone was one of Britain's true empire builders.