

His words were words of great wisdom, and cost him a long life of study, observation and self culture to acquire. He gave these words to the students, and let us hope they fell upon hearing ears and took root in receptive minds. Time is short and art is long, said a great ancient. This golden thread ran through the lecture. To achieve distinction the student of medicine must be industrious, observant, a careful listener, and, above all, courageously honest. From a tree planted in such rich soil he will in due time gather good fruit in plenty.

Of Sir Hector we can truly say, in the words of Shakespeare:

He is a scholar, and a ripe and a good one,
Exceeding wise, fair spoken and persuading.

CHILD WELFARE CONGRESS.

It is with much pleasure that one notices the change of opinion that has come over many countries on the matter of the care of the child. It is only a few years ago, when practically nothing was said or done on this important branch of social study and national welfare.

Just recently there was held in Montreal a very successful gathering of earnest ladies and gentlemen in whose minds the care of the child held a prominent place. These social reformers gave freely of their time and their best talents to those who are unable to devise ways and means for their own safety and comfort.

It is only a step, after all, from the boy or girl to the man or woman, and the men and women of the future will rule the country, as the men and women of to-day are charged with this great responsibility. Sound bodies, sane minds, and good morals will then count for much. Of the assets that one may possess in this world we may mention first as of least value, national wealth. Of more importance is good health. Still more valuable is intellectual culture, and, far above these, is moral stamina. These were the topics discussed at the child's welfare congress.

One topic that claimed special attention, as it well deserved, was that of infant mortality. This has long been a live subject. It has been a standing disgrace to many large cities that such a large percentage of children should die in the early years of life, and particularly in the first year. This is still more painful when one remembers that this is due to the unfavorable environments under which so many children must struggle for an existence, and the bad methods of feeding. Two words largely tell the tale, ignorance and dirt. Ignorance on the part of those who have the care of the child, and dirt