

Department of Agriculture—with provision for a careful oversight of the little pigs, but seldom, if any, consideration for the patients and their offspring.

A state veterinarian will assist in the former case, but in the instance of the child, he is of the earth, earthly; prenatal, postnatal, and for all eternity of no intrinsic value to the nation—while the pig, which was born to be killed by the butcher, and therefore has no right to die until ready for certified death under the eye of a skilled veterinarian, so that it may increase the value of the country's products by some two or three hundred pounds of pork worth nine cents a pound to the farmer. In the case of the hog to die of disease is unnatural, because all state departments of agriculture have so decreed. It is a part of a nation's asset, and no expense on the part of the country is too great to prevent this catastrophe. The loss of two hundred pounds of hog meat worth nine cents per pound to the farmer.

On the other hand, the infant is born to die—his days at most are threescore years and ten, or a little over. All Christian teachers tell us so. It is quite contrary to law that he should be killed, no matter how worthless he may be, and so legislatures enact laws for the protection of life against accidents in workshops, mines, etc., safeguard the handling of explosives, and in many other ways, but to consider the child's health as of importance to the state and to do anything to prevent the accident of illness, is quite another matter. That is a duty and responsibility devolving entirely upon his parents, or, to extend the boundary, at most it concerns the municipality in which he dwells.

That it is no new thing for opposition to be experienced when sanitary reforms are suggested, as instance the following: Earl Fortescue, President of the Congress of the R.S.I., held in Exeter, in 1880, in his address dealing with sanitary reform in Great Britain from the administrative and legislative aspects, says, referring to the work of Mr. Chadwick, in 1842, when sanitary reforms were being initiated:

“On looking back at those days after the lapse of a whole generation, I must allow that, relying on the soundness of our