

rookeries, facing lanes and streets into which God's sunlight seldom comes. We have slums in Montreal that have no parallel on the continent, housing conditions that are a disgrace to Christian civilization.

At a meeting of some citizens interested in Montreal's housing problem, held a few nights ago, *Mr. U. H. Dandurand* stated that a study of 342 houses in various parts of the city, made recently by the Housing Committee of the Charity Organization Society, showed that 15 per cent. of these houses had damp rooms, 32 per cent, unsanitary plumbing conditions, 30 per cent, inadequately lighted rooms. There were 24 houses in which there were three and more persons per room and 106 in which the investigators found two or more persons per room. There were cases of tuberculosis in 52 of the houses.

One of our newspaper men became interested in a lad who had appeared in court charged with running away from home. When he first saw him he was at home in bed. His home was up a dirty flight of stairs that led from a filthy street. In bed with him were his four-year-old brother and his five-year-old sister. The room in which they slept had no windows. No fresh air or light could enter it directly. There were three other rooms and there were three other children, the parents and two boarders—ten persons in a small four-roomed house! Do you blame a boy for trying to run away from a place like that? That home was a menace to the health and the morality not only of its occupants, but a menace to the