

masses in the way of health, though the people think much yet remains to be done. On the continent of Europe almost every nation is employing active measures to the same end. In the United States much interest is awakening in the matter. At least nine of the states have established State Boards of Health; others are moving towards the same. While there is a general desire and an apparent determination to have established at Washington a Central Bureau, with a Minister of Public Health and Vital Statistics; such as is required at Ottawa, and as Dr. Brouse is most laudably endeavoring to have carried out.

But besides a Central Bureau at Ottawa, the Provinces require local or provincial Boards of Health, like the State Boards of Massachusetts and Michigan, with power to act and work. These latter are comparatively inexpensive bodies, the amount of work they accomplish is surprising, and the amount of good that must follow cannot but be very great. Compulsory measures for promoting health and preserving life are carried out, and the people are instructed, by means of the liberal circulation of sheets with health rules, &c., how to help care for themselves in this way.

Is there not in the Ontario Legislature a medical man, who, feeling the importance of this subject, could prepare and carry through a measure providing for the establishment of such a Board; giving it power to act? A very small appropriation, comparatively, would suffice for expenses, and we cannot conceive that there would be much opposition to such a Bill. Why delay? Why wait for further precedents? Why be the last body of people in the civilized world to take such action? And this at the expense of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and the loss of thousands of lives.

Two years ago Georgia had no State Board. Dr. J. G. Thomas, of Savannah, entered the legislature, evidently with a purpose. He carried through the first year a measure for the establishment of a State Board; and the second year a measure, or an "amendment," for the establishment of County Boards in every county in the state, to "advise the ordinaries with regard to registration, and to supervise sanitary affairs