

WHEN OPINIONS DIFFER.

Sir James Barr, before the British Medical Association, said that what was wanted was quality, not quantity, and did not encourage the rearing of large numbers of the unfit. It is much better to have one well-fed dog than two lean ones. One or two properly cared for children, sound in wind and limb, is much better than a large family that the parents cannot care for. And there are the children of the mental perverts.

In Australia and France there is a movement on foot to give a bounty for each child, and this without regard to the sort of parents, or whether the child is legitimate or not. This might have the very opposite tendency to that advocated by Sir James Barr.

The followers of Galton hold that by proper breeding methods much can be done to improve the race. No doubt this is so. But man is a free animal and can select his mate to suit his fancy. He cannot be mated as a breeder of horses would the parental mates. Education can do a good deal, however. The time is coming when there may be too many people in the world; but we need not worry yet awhile.

Dr. Forbes Winslow, of London, a high authority on insanity declares that insanity is on the increase; and, at the present rate of increase, in three centuries there will be more insane than sane people among civilized communities. On the other hand Dr. F. W. Mott, whose name carries weight, informs the medical world that insanity is not on the increase.

One thing remains clear. There was a time when man lived in caves, dug his roots with his fingers, killed his game with a club, and ate it raw. From such an ancestry we have a modern Europe and America. It may turn out in some way or other that man will be able to take care of himself in the future.

RESULT OF MEDICAL INSPECTION IN TORONTO.

Inspections, 3,190; readmissions, 1,226; special physical examinations, 806; defects on these, 1,402; parents notified, 913; complete physical examinations, 1,433; defects in these, 1,612; children examined, 2,239; defects, 3,014; carious teeth, 583; normal, 385; defective vision, 149; eye disease, 53; defective hearing, 20; ear disease, 8; defective nasal breathing, 261; enlarged tonsils, 566; enlarged glands, 209; pulmonary disease, 7; cardiac disease, 5; chorea, 4; orthopedic defects, 10; epilepsy, 4; malnutrition, 4; defective palate, 5; skin disease, 89; diphtheria, 5; scarlet fever, 4; measles, 24; chicken pox, 42; whooping cough, 28; mumps, 8.