

One thing seems very certain that the restrictions now thrown around medical practice must not be lowered. There is no use spending vast sums on the up-keep of the medical colleges and hospitals, and then open Troy's, Western Gate, to the Greeks.

The Government's duty is first of all to appoint a superior body of men as the commission. These men must have a wide knowledge of the world of things. They must be able to weigh evidence, they must be able to distinguish between what is real science and what is pure fake—and they must be able to prepare such a report as will be of real service to the Government in the preparation of any statute that may be enacted.

EUGENICS.

This subject comes to the surface like cork. It is like Banquo's ghost, it will not down, and it is proper that it should not. The ablest sociologists of the day have espoused the cause, and man's common sense tells him that it is a good one.

Natural selection is the only way in the free state of nature. Animals recognize no marriage laws, and have no thought of eugenics. But this is no argument to introduce in the conditions of civilized life. The fact that man has, in most countries, become civilized and has risen to new conditions. Civilization brings with it its own new burdens and its special penalties. Among these latter is the tendency for the human race to produce a certain number of degenerates.

Among the belated voices that rise up against the science of eugenics is Alfred Russell Wallace, the one-time noted naturalist. But it should be remembered that it is the same Wallace who garbled facts and figures against vaccination in a small book, and which is the anti-vaccinationists' *Bible*. In this work he has done much harm. In the matter of eugenics, he may do harm, but it is likely better counsel will prevail.

The State of Wisconsin has taken a great step onward. It has recently passed an act demanding that those who propose entering into the married state must produce evidence of health. The other portion of the act provides for the sterilization of the feeble-minded, the epileptic and the criminal insane. The law provides ample safeguards for the rights of the individual.

From time to time the cry goes up, "Do not interfere with natural selection." Just as well say, "Do not interfere with the liberty of the subject and allow the insane to roam at large." The history of the world is full of the terrible examples of the union of the epileptic, the criminal and the degenerate. Generations after generations are born that