

difference whether the city or the Government, or both, furnish such an institution. It is the results that we are concerned in.

Marriages must be regulated. Certain criminals should be so treated that they cannot propagate their kind. We are decided advocates of sterilization. There is much to be done, but opinion is now being aroused and the rest will come.

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### LAKE POLLUTION.

Pure water for drinking and domestic purposes for the cities of both the United States and Canada was discussed at the meeting of the Great Lakes International Pure Water Association and the National Association for the prevention of pollution of Rivers and Harbors, held in Cleveland on 22nd October.

Dr. Charles J. Hastings, Health Officer of Toronto, spoke in opposition to the practice of making the great lakes the depository of municipal sewage. He favored some plan of concerted action between Canada and the United States, holding such action indispensable to the prevention of typhoid and a reduction in the mortality rates.

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### DOCTOR WOULD NOT GO.

On two occasions recently there has been much newspaper discussion over the fact that doctors who were sent for refused to answer the call and attend the patient.

We think that in all cases where possible the doctor should make one call at least. If the people cannot or will not pay, and this is sufficient reason in his judgment for refusing to continue with the case, he can then have the patient removed to a hospital or assigned to some one to take charge of the case.

We think it does not redound to the credit of the medical profession to think that the life of a person may be placed in peril for the sake of a single fee. There are limits that should not be overstepped. A doctor should not be expected to keep on in attendance on a charity patient, unless he does it of his own good will. But it is, perhaps, not the wisest thing to do to refuse first aid to one in great need because a fee will not be forthcoming. We trust that it will be the rule for members of the medical profession to give the benefit of the doubt to the humanitarian side.