

These diseases will come in epidemic form. In Toronto in January, 1910, there were reported 140 cases of scarlet fever; while during the January of this year there were 331 cases. Diphtheria and typhoid fever this January were not so frequent as during January a year ago, whereas scarlet fever was two-and-a-half times more common.

We do not advocate the doing away with the reporting of certain infectious diseases. But we do think that the reporting of measles and whooping cough is quite unnecessary. We further believe in a period of, say 50 years, the reporting of scarlet fever will make very little if any difference to the number of cases that actually occur, as adults are liable to the disease and readily contract it.

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### HOSPITALS FOR THE INSANE, IDIOTS AND EPILEPTICS.

The report for these institutions for Ontario is to hand for the period from 1st January, 1909, to 31st October, 1909.

The number of males cared for was 2,634, and the females numbered 2,897.

The amount collected from paying patients for the ten months was \$140,048.18. The amount contributed by municipalities was \$100,188.60, or a total amount collected of \$240,230.78.

The daily average of patients was 5,500. The admission for the ten months were 843, and the deaths were 259. There were 450 discharges, as follows: Recovered, 277; improved, 152; unimproved, 21; not insane, 1.

Training schools for nurses have been inaugurated at Hamilton, Kingston, Toronto, Mimico, Brockville, and London. Much good is expected from this movement, as it will greatly improve the quality of the nursing.

During the ten months there were deported 168 persons. This would mean to the Province a saving of over \$400,000 on maintenance. In 1906 there were 19 persons; in 1907, 87 persons; in 1908, 263, and in 1909, 168, or a total of 537.

The recovery rate was 5.09 per cent. of the total number of insane. Of the 843 admitted during the year, there was no trace of any hereditary taint in 277, and nothing was ascertained in 325 cases. There was a paternal taint in 84, a maternal in 80, both paternal and maternal in 18, and a collateral taint in 59. This would not go to show that heredity plays as important a role as some have thought.

The total expenditures for ten months were \$736,796.95. The total days' stay of patients for the same period was 1,672,100. This would make the average daily cost of maintenance per patient to be 44 cents.