

appeared to be so great that in 1908 the amount was increased to \$4,000, which has been continued each succeeding year. In 1911 the Government further appropriated the sum of \$1,000 for a public health exhibit, which is shown in connection with the tuberculosis exhibit, and this appropriation was renewed for the years 1912 and 1913.

On account of the efforts made to educate the people of Ontario regarding the nature of tuberculosis and the successful means which may be adopted for its prevention, the death rate in Ontario is year by year growing less. The following figures, which were gathered with every effort to secure accuracy, were presented at the last International Tuberculosis Exhibition. They show the proportion of deaths for every 100,000 of population annually:—Austria, 350; Servia, 275; Ireland, 215; Norway, 276; Germany, 185; United States, 167; England, 121; Ontario, 102.

The death rate from tuberculosis in Ontario in the year 1905 was 120 per 100,000 inhabitants. In Ontario last year's record was considerably the best of any year in the past.

A CHALLENGE RE PASTEURIZED MILK.

27 West 72nd Street,
New York, Jan. 31, 1912.

To the Editor,—

In the efforts that are being made to protect the babies from milk-borne diseases, such as tuberculosis, typhoid and scarlet fevers, diphtheria, sore throat and summer complaint, the well-considered policy of the Public Health Service and of the foremost health officers of the country is seriously hindered by attacks based upon ignorance.

The statement is repeated with assurance, without proof, that the use of pasteurized milk causes rickets, scurvy and anaemia. People are scared by these outcries into exposing their babies to infectious diseases, and the lives of helpless little ones are forfeited.

It does not undo the harm by showing that the Public Health Service, after exhaustive investigation, declared that "Pasteurization prevents much sickness and saves many lives," and proved that the process does not impair the taste, digestibility or nutritive qualities of the milk.

It does not protect the babies from reckless misrepresentation for me to point out that in feeding 25,000 babies with pasteurized milk through my infant milk depots in New York City alone, never has one case of scurvy or rickets developed. Nor does it still the voice of mis-