

popular expressions of opinion favor it, and yet the necessary financial assistance to make it practical in results seems to come grudgingly. Where the excuse for this exists I have not been able to ascertain.

Our public men point with pride to increased expenditures in the cause of education, increases which may be largely wasted because we do not take into account the physical peculiarities of the boys and girls who, perhaps, are being tortured rather than educated. Once let an intelligent boy realize that the possession of a good set of teeth by him is of so little moment to the body politic, that it isn't worth a trifling expenditure on his behalf, and the conclusion that it doesn't matter much to anybody whether or no he becomes a saloon frequenter, gets drunk or goes to jail is not so illogical as it may seem. "Apathy," not malice prepense, seems to reconcile us to the strange irony of life that the expenditure which is denied in order to find out the mental and physical capabilities of a child is readily sanctioned for an education ill adapted to his needs and for the administration of criminal justice. "Apathy" it must be that allows without protest deliberations over railways, power and light schemes, and corporation franchises to consume almost the entire time of our municipal and parliamentary representatives to the exclusion of housing problems, sanitation of streets and public conveyances, parks and playgrounds, and the thousand and one other little considerations which contribute so materially to the public health, the comfort and well-being of the great mass of the people.

"Fully 25 per cent. of the deaths in the community," says Osler, "are due to this accursed 'apathy,' fostering a human inefficiency, and which goes far to counterbalance the extraordinary achievements of the past century. Why should we take pride in the wonderful railway system with which enterprise and energy have traversed the land, when the supreme law, the public health, is neglected? What comfort in the thought of a people enjoying great material prosperity when we know that the primary elements of life (on which even the old Romans were our masters) are denied to them? What consolation does the "little red school-house" afford when we know that a Lethæan apathy allows toll to be taken of every class from the little tots to the youths and maidens?"

Paton, in his recent work on Psychiatry, says: "The opinion of an expert is sought for in examining a new recruit, who is desirous of entering the ranks of the army or navy; and to-day the universities have physical directors to examine into and pass upon the