

frere, Dr. Brouse, in his exertions toward this object. Just think for a moment how much valuable knowledge regarding the causes of disease, which would tend greatly to advance the science of medicine, would be obtained by the passing by Parliament of a stringent Bill for insuring full and regular returns as to the causes of deaths, and a complete history of the diseases, and their causes and surroundings. The gain to the profession would be incalculable.

The press might exert a heavy influence in the direction of this object if it would frequently and persistently draw attention to the necessity for such a Bureau being established ; for we cannot imagine that any one questions the necessity for it. As Dr. Larocque, of Montreal, observes, " by census, governments know the number of individuals in a nation, but by vital statistics they have a knowledge of the *quality* of the population." And the quality of anything is perhaps of as much importance as the quantity.

If the Dominion, especially perhaps Ontario, is suffering, or likely in the future to suffer, from any one thing more than another it is probably *politics*. The press is largely responsible for this ; and we should be very glad to find its valuable influence inclined a little more toward something more likely to bring health with its attendant happiness and prosperity to the people.

We cannot conceive that the difficulties in reconciling the Governments spoken of by the Premier are not readily removable, or that the Local Governments will not aid in every necessary way to have them removed, and we hope and trust that something will be done at once toward securing that which appears to be so universally admitted is absolutely essential to the well-being of the Dominion.

CLEANLINESS in all the surroundings of a family mansion, pays richly in many ways, in good health, moral elevation, personal comfort, and dollars and cents besides.

THE ashes of the cremated Lady Dilke weighed just six pounds ; so that, after all, our bodies are made up of a few pailfuls of water and a little dust.