

hundred dollars each, will be found most useful and practical. Thoroughly competent medical attendants and nurses are what we require, and not expensive structures to overburden willing contributors to this noble and philanthropic work.

"An important bill is now before the Maryland Legislature, which provides that children shall not work at any industry until they are twelve years old. Children who should be in the kindergarten work all night in cotton mills and glass works. In New York to-day it is a known fact that children, six, seven and eight years old, are working in cellars and garrets, sewing on buttons, making artificial flowers and other work; and in the Republic fully two millions of children, under 16 years of age, are earning their own living.

"The Bill before Congress for the regulation of child labor in the District of Columbia, if successful, will lead to much improved conditions as to the problem of child labor. No more important subject than that of the child labor could be considered by this association, so intimately connected with the development of tuberculosis, from overcrowding and over-taxation of mental and physical energy, while the system is really in the formative stage of development. So far I am not aware that Canada is over-taxed, in the lines of child labor, and yet it would be prudent to guard against such as far as possible by legislative enactments now in force."

THE RATIONAL TREATMENT OF URETHRITIS.*

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THE time-honored adage of the great syphilographer, Ricord, "Everyone knows when gonorrhœa begins, but God alone knows when it will end," holds no longer good to-day in face of the more thorough and rational methods of treatment inaugurated during the last two or three decades. The failure to bring a case of urethritis, it matters but little whether it be acute or chronic, to a favorable issue, is but a tacit indication of our lack of knowledge of both the etiology and pathology of this affection. Were the latter better understood and the routine treatment of this malady discarded for a more scientific one, there would be but few patients to complain and less of the profession to feel humiliated. A proper comprehension of the etiology and morbid anatomy of the subject under consideration is the most necessary prerequisite to the treatment of this disease. With this view in mind, the author has appended below a classification of the etiological factors instrumental in the production of urethritis. It would be absurd to regard every

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