

THE TIME HAS COME.

In many labors we lose our pains. The cause was not worth while, or the time had not come. Not so here. The time has come to act. The Report of the Registrar-General for Ontario for 1908, page 9, says that in Ontario there were: Births, 55,388; deaths under one year, 6,895; infant mortality rate, 125 per 1,000.

Table showing the total number of Births, also of Deaths under one year of age and ratio of such deaths per 1,000 births in each City in Ontario, 1908. Still-births included.

CITIES.	Births.	Deaths under one year old.	Ratio of such deaths per 1,000 births.
Belleville.....	248	49	197.6
Brantford.....	597	95	159.1
Chatham.....	229	41	179.0
Fort William.....	442	110	248.8
Guelph.....	307	57	185.7
Hamilton.....	1,822	349	191.5
Kingston.....	395	71	179.7
London.....	1,024	205	200.2
Niagara Falls.....	214	47	219.6
Ottawa.....	2,035	521	256.0
Peterborough.....	459	78	169.9
Port Arthur.....	392	95	242.3
St. Catharines.....	294	50	170.1
Stratford.....	301	41	136.2
St. Thomas.....	334	62	185.6
Toronto.....	7,938	1,535	193.4
West Toronto.....	433	83	191.7
Windsor.....	395	67	169.6
Woodstock.....	204	20	98.0

A GREAT AND HOLY CAUSE.

This cause is worth while. As Lord Robert Cecil said at Huddersfield last June:

It is a great and even a holy cause. Child life is that on which the whole future and prosperity of the country depend. If there grew up a carelessness about infant life it was a sure sign of the degeneration and degradation of the people of the country. No greater social work had been done by the preaching of Christianity than the great change it had made in the minds of men with regard to the claims of infant life. To this day in some heathen countries, in China, for instance, it was the custom of the people to put out to die any of their children who were for any reason an inconvenience to their parents. Under the laws of the Roman Empire it was no offence to kill a child under one year old. It was Christianity and Christianity alone that taught that the life of a child was as sacred as the life of any man or woman, that every child born had an immortal soul, and that the man or woman who through negligence or wickedness sacrificed the life of a child was every bit as guilty as a murderer who killed a full grown man or woman. He earnestly commended the work, not only to the people of Huddersfield, but to the people of the country, and he earnestly hoped they would never desert the cause they had so nobly and so successfully taken in hand.