

cases, accept his advice. When I speak of improperly cared for children, I do not by any means limit myself to the children of the destitute. The knowledge of food values and the proper method of cooking food of the average housewife is very limited indeed.

The Dominion Government spent last year over one-half million for the advancement and improvement of agriculture and stock. Literature was distributed gratuitously advising stock raisers how to properly care for and protect their stock. Surely, then, the child has some right to consideration.

We as a nation have passed through our infancy, and are now in a rapidly developing childhood, with boundless resources in active process of development and a rapidly increasing population, and must soon become a great and wealthy nation, but we must profit by the experience of the Mother Country, and, in fact, all older countries, that "as wealth accumulates, men decay."

The inroads of degeneracy is being felt already in most of our larger cities. On the continent of Europe, France was the first to recognize the fact that her people were rapidly degenerating, and she probably more than any other country, is putting forth every effort to overcome the evil, and by a well-organized system is carefully looking after the proper feeding and education of their youth.

I presume that the United States is suffering more than any other nation from the neglect and indifference of the care of its youth. Dr. G. Frank Lydston, in "Vice and Crime," states that, even fifteen years ago, the degenerates in the U. S., according to the census, numbered about 215,000, and that about one in every 320 is a criminal, insane, or a pauper. Dr. Lydston goes on to say that the question of degeneracy is no longer one of sentiment, but one of the greatest national interest, as a glance at the cost to society of the criminal will readily demonstrate. Every nation finds that most of its disbursements, in times of peace, is for the suppression or punishment of crime and vice. The cost to every honest man in the U. S. is from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per annum to protect the good from the evil, the just from the unjust. For this purpose alone the Government expends \$200,000,000 annually; adding to this the non-productiveness of the criminals, you bring it up to about \$500,000,000, or about \$25.00 per family.

Think of the recent appalling revelation from New York,