

where they become juvenile criminals they must not be housed up with the "old sinner" and recidivist.

Britain and some other countries are becoming awakened up on this question. Night schools are being opened. Children are admitted as young as three years of age when the mothers have to go out to work. Committees look after these children and where necessary supply them with food and clothing. All this is preventive medicine of a most valuable kind. Let us have much of it; but above all, curtail to the lowest limit the bringing into the world of degenerate children.

Wherever there is degeneracy there is sure to be pauperism. Dr. Barker, of Johns Hopkins University, said recently in Toronto, that if we could only do away with drink and prevent syphilis the jails, asylums and poor houses would soon go out of business. We may never take the spartan position of destroying all deformed and imbecile children, but surely we should take the position that they should not propagate their kind. We talk a great deal and we spend a vast amount of money on the eugenics of live stock. The most important of all forms of animal life—man—is allowed to select to suit each individual. There ought to be limitations.

THE VITAL STATISTICS OF ONTARIO.

We have before us the report of the births, deaths and marriages of Ontario for the year 1907. The report is only recently issued, and it would seem that some steps should be taken to have the material contained in the report given to the public at an earlier date.

There were 53,584 births, 21,915 marriages, and 33,502 deaths. This gives a total of 109,001 registrations as against 104,340 for the year previously. The population of the province is estimated at 2,220,430. This gives a birth-rate of about 25, and a death-rate of 15 per 1,000. There were 105.4 males born to each 100 females.

It is interesting to note that tuberculosis in all forms caused the death of 2,530 persons, and pneumonia 2,564. Typhoid fever caused 520 deaths. The infant mortality is very interesting. Under 5 years of age there were 9,930 deaths. Under 1 year there were 8,041, 1 year 986, 2 years 396, 3 years 299 and 4 years 208. This would give for the whole Dominion about 33,000 deaths under five and fully 25,000 under 1 year. This gives to the birth-rate a death-rate under 1 year of 150.

There is certainly something wrong when 2,564 die of pneumonia, 2,530 of tuberculosis, and 8,041 under 1 year. Much of the pneumonia is preventable by suitable clothing, regular hours, temperate habits, and properly ventilated houses. With regard to tuberculosis we have often