

Again, the "no good" whites in the southern United States are the victims of the hookworm disease. Proper sanitary measures will soon place the Southerner on a par with his enterprising and energetic brother of the northern States, and with the health of her people established all the other rich natural resources of the South will be rapidly developed.

What is the greatest menace of the power of England today? Baden-Powell (see page 177, "*Scouting for Boys*") and many others think there is much reason for fearing that it is the physical deterioration of her people.

How stands the case with this fair province of Alberta? Is there not special need of a most vigorous health campaign in Alberta to prevent the preventable waste of the health and lives of our citizens?

To a very great extent *environment* (or those things and conditions by which we are immediately surrounded) has an influence on our physical and mental well or ill-being. A large part of the outdoor conditions are man's own production. This man-made part of the outdoor environment varies in amount with the concentration of population—it is almost nil in the sparsely settled district, it reaches its maximum in the crowded city. In this regard Alberta and all the new west have a unique opportunity. The resources of this country in climate, soil, and minerals remained unknown to the world until quite recently. Now they are so generally known that an immense and growing stream of immigration is flowing in and nation-building is proceeding at a rate almost unparalleled in history. Towns and cities are being laid out and developed with extraordinary rapidity, so quickly indeed that along the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway it has been possible to give the towns names with initial letters in alphabetical order, going through the alphabet several times with very few breaks from the existence of towns already named. (See G. T. P. railway time-table, Winnipeg to Edmonton.) In a word, we are starting with almost a clean slate and within a shortness of time which gives the greatest plasticity, we are building towns the general layout of which we can, if we