

every influence in its power to combat this disease, and the local association, as well, and yet the death rate in our midst is great, in proportion to our population, and requires untiring energy and exertion, backed by the timely co-operation of a willing public, to arrive at such a record, as will indicate satisfactory results. Committees on physical deterioration of the race are well enough in their way, but what we require at this stage of progress are true issues, along practical lines, based on common sense principles, vigorously carried into operation. Then, and then only, can we hope for a marked reduction in the sad mortality experienced daily in the march of this disease.

It is only within a brief period that the transmission of this disease has attracted attention and been thoroughly understood. There are to-day two well established principles: (1), that tuberculosis is preventable, and (2), that tuberculosis, strictly speaking, is curable. The problem of tuberculosis is one of prevention, and not one of cure alone. To prevent tuberculosis, we must get at the causes, and how are we to grapple with causes more directly than by the most careful and searching investigation of the manifestation of tuberculous disease in school children. Medical inspection will materially aid the healthy education of the young nation of Canada, all of which, in the opinion of "The Deputy Registrar General of Ontario," should be considered by a special committee, or commission, appointed by the Ontario Government, for that purpose. Such is a move in the right direction, of the most commendable character, and, if carried out, is certain to lead to practical results. The prospect of long life depends greatly on the manner in which life has been cared for, and protected, in the stage of childhood. In this period the very corner stones of future strength and constitutional development are placed, so as to build up and construct tissues, possessing the elements of vitality. The medical inspection of schools is well received in England by the Medical Department of "The Educational Committee of London County Council," and "School Doctor," is an established institution in the land. In Europe, also, as well as in the neighboring Republic and Japan, there is a general consensus of opinion, favoring this progressive move, for the protection of child life, and now, fortunately, extensively in practical operation. No form of educational organization can be considered complete which does not make provision for the systematic reference of the health of school children to medical experts, appointed for that special purpose. This is, in fact, the only correct method by which tuberculous disease can be properly diagnosed, and the requisite plan of action adopted to guard the life of the child and prevent communication of the disease to others. With the measures now in operation it is not surprising the disease is still spreading and the weekly record in our midst un-