

from abroad, where the people are at least quite as able to educate and properly bring up these poor little creatures (whom every Christian must deeply sympathise with and feel tenderly for) as are the people on this side of the Atlantic. We trust early action will be taken to check this evil, which appears to be a growing one, and that only the best and purest children will be permitted to come out to Canada or the United States to mingle with the youth of these countries.

OBSERVATIONS AND ANNOTATIONS.

CELLAR cleaning time is at hand. It should be so, we could almost write, that no such job as cellar cleaning would ever have to be done. There should not in fact be such a place as a cellar, at all. If, in places or circumstances where frost is difficult to avoid and ice to obtain, a cellar seems necessary, it should be *kept* scrupulously clean always. A damp or foul cellar under a dwelling is a very dangerous thing, and has caused many a sad death.

THE Packet, Orillia, strongly urges local cleanliness. A Mr. Thompson intends having a large burner erected on the esplanade for the disposal of sawdust &c., from his mill. Would not this, says the Packet, be a splendid opportunity for the corporation to test, at a comparatively small expense, the utility of the crematory system, for the disposal of garbage and offal? It would certainly add much to the health and comfort of the residents of the more crowded portions of the town, if a scavenger cart were to make a cleaning out of back yards, &c., a couple of times per week during the summer.

DR. LICHTY a general practitioner of Rockford, Ill., an exchange asserts, has seen the mother, who was the housekeeper and only nurse, leave a large wooden bowl full of butter, in which her hands and arms had been immersed nearly to the elbows, and follow him through two adjoining rooms, in which her children were sick with scarlet fever, to give him the history of their illness the night previous, receive directions and instructions, and then return to her butter packing without stopping to wash her hands. And this butter was bought by local dealers, shipped to city markets, where well watched and carefully isolated innocents developed those mysterious *de nova* cases of scarlet fever.

BULLETIN number 3 of the Laboratory of the Inland Revenue Department of Canada States that it appears that 48 per cent of 85 samples of coffee recently analysed were impure, "but it is not to be supposed that this proportion represents the exact amount of adulteration which prevails. In many of the towns mentioned the collectors of the samples were known to the vendors as revenue officers, and may have been intentionally furnished with articles very much better in quality than those usually sold. There is good reason for supposing that even when pure coffee is asked for by ordinary purchasers they do not always obtain it. In order that, hereafter, the samples collected,