

in Canada many have been surpris'd, however, at the revelations. In Montreal a few years ago the showing was very bad. Prior to the medical inspection of children in Toronto there were those who held that it was quite unnecessary. The facts brought out prove quite the opposite view.

But the \$30,000 expended on medical inspection will not do much good unless the children found diseased and who cannot afford to pay for treatment have it provided for them. This is a natural sequel to that of medical inspection. We have often pointed out the great value of human life to the state, and every effort should be put forth that makes for the health of the people.

THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

For nearly a third of a century the Ontario Medical Association has been holding its annual meetings. During these many years it has been the means of much good. There are very few who at some one or other of these annual gatherings have not met their brother practitioners and enjoyed the gathering.

The association has, also, been the means of sending abroad throughout the province a vast amount of valuable information. The papers and discussions have been the best that the contributors could give to their fellow-workers in the field of relieving human suffering. This is a great field to work in, and is of far more importance to mankind than "to plow the classic field" or "to hale the Pleiades or catch the full moon's earliest glance." From year to year papers are read setting forth the results of study and observation. How much this has raised medical thought in the province no one could venture an opinion, but all can say that it has been very great. Of these papers and discussions we may say, with Shakespeare: "These are begot in the ventricles of memory, nourished in the womb of pia mater, and delivered upon the mellowing of occasion."

There is one thing that has been apparent to those who take the trouble to look at things as they really are, and it is that there has always been a tendency for a certain group to keep together and rotate the offices among themselves. This is not for the good of the association. The selection of officers should be as free as the air we breathe, and should not be influenced in any way. We are firmly of the opinion that some other method should be devised than that now in use of making up a slate by a nominating committee. Elections should take place at one of the general sessions. Several could be nominated for the various offices and a vote taken. This might consume more time, but it would give much better satisfaction, and introduce more interest into the meeting, and make everyone feel that he had a reasonable chance.