

dard of medical education. What we here urge works well in Manitoba, Quebec and Britain. It would work equally well in Ontario, would save money to the council, would relieve the doctors of the province of the annual assessment, and would lighten the burdens of the student without impairing in any way his fitness to enter upon the practice of his profession.

TYPHOID FEVER IN MONTREAL.

For those sick with typhoid fever in Montreal we have all possible sympathy, but not for the city. For long that city has had ample warning that the water system was bad, but unless some stern warning came nothing would be done.

From evil sometimes good comes. Let us hope that it may be so in this case. If Montreal will only arouse itself from its fatal slumber and put the water system in order, the present outbreak of typhoid fever may not have come in vain. We hope it may be the suffering of some for the good of many.

THE JUVENILE DELINQUENT.

This is a very important subject, and touches very closely upon preventive medicine. *Mens sana in corpore sano* is still true, and, therefore, the study of eugenics should receive an ever increasing attention.

It is a very difficult task, indeed, to so direct the education of a child that it will prove a useful member of society when it has a bad heredity behind it, and faulty environments during its formative period. It has been observed that the children of drunken parents yield a very high percentage of dullards at school and delinquents in conduct.

Stringent laws should be placed upon the statute books of all civilized countries which would go as far as possible to prevent the constant crop of degenerate children that are coming into the world each year. Criminals, drunkards, epileptics, etc., should not be permitted to marry. From such parents nothing can be expected but degenerate children; and degenerate children too frequently becomes our future criminals.

But for the delinquents we have much that may be done. They must be placed under proper tuition. They must be taught such trades or callings as they may be best adapted for. An effort must be made to secure positions for them. In some instances they may have to be housed and clothed at public expense. In the unfortunate instances