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Editorial.

CARE OF THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

Mr. G. W. T. Irving, of the Education Office, read recently before the Literary Society of Dartmouth a paper entitled "Building up a Canadian Nationality." This has since appeared in pamphlet form, a copy of which has come into our possession.

We have perused it with much interest, admiring its chaste literary style, but especially realizing that it is a word spoken in due season, and that the subject discussed is worthy the attention of every person who has at heart the future good of this glorious country of Canada.

The first portion of the paper deals with the wonderful natural advantages of the Dominion from a geographical point of view, and its great sources of wealth in its forests, its mines, its fisheries and its soil. In time, and possibly in a very short time, a large population must flock to this land which offers so many inducements to the settler, and he asks "What precautions should be taken to prevent the introduction and perpetuation of an undesirable and vicious element?"

To prevent the introduction of the undesirable element precautions must not only be taken to exclude emigrants from Western and Southern Europe and the flotsam and jetsam of overcrowded British cities, but if possible to encourage the emigration of hardy agriculturists from Britain and the Teutons from the continent, so that our "land may not be made a dumping ground for the scum of Europe