

of the individual and our nations' representatives the words "grasp," "graft" and "greed," and we possessed more of the altruistic spirit, our national life would be in a more healthy condition and the jails and the tombs would have fewer occupants. If our children are starved, our nation cannot be well developed. We must build up a nation by building up the individual. We must have a sound body for the in-dwelling of a sound mind. Inasmuch as a nation is made up of individuals, as matter is composed of molecules, the perfection to which we bring each individual goes far to establish on a firm basis, the bulwarks of a nation. Any nation that will permit or encourage child labor is bankrupt, morally, socially and politically. With the lamentations of the mother and daughter ringing in our ears, may Canada show forth to the world her greatness, her godliness, and emancipate this fair province of ours from the disastrous consequences of the white plague, and may we be first and foremost in this respect among the nations of the earth. It would go a long way to strengthen the bulwarks of our nationality and help to produce a healthy, happy and contented people.

I would not like to admit that in the early history of the world physicians were a much better class than exists to-day, but it is indisputable that in olden times people lived as many hundred years as they now do tens. How is it? I would not like to say that they had better Boards of Health. I can only answer that there is a Divinity who is the author of natural laws, that natural laws are Divine laws, that there may be an alteration in our well-known laws governing youth and old age by the Divine will, and that the cycle of life of the present time, as compared with that of the olden times, is a vivid illustration of the fact. Natural laws are God's laws, and if the Almighty sees fit to change the laws, the properties of matter, it will be done as it was done in the shortening of the natural period of our lives.

I feel that I would not be doing my duty if I did not call your attention to a most pressing matter, that of the indigent and wealthy inebriates. This subject should not be disregarded or passed over lightly. The Ontario Society for the Reformation of Inebriates should receive our strongest support, and I sincerely hope that the Government of to-day will see its way clear to aid this Society, and help to carry on the work which it is endeavoring to accomplish. While here again the prevention of inebriety should not be lost sight of, a great advance would be made in the citizenship of our Province if we were to put in force the measures adopted by Great Britain and the United States. It is well recognized that what many an inebriate needs is to be placed where he cannot have the source of his trouble, and be treated with that sympathetic kindness that he needs, and he will be grateful for the help given him. No one can help feel, if the wishes of society