

## VITAL STATISTICS OF ONTARIO.

An improvement in the health of the province is reflected in the November returns to the Provincial Board of Health. During the month there were reported only 982 cases of communicable disease, compared with 1,120 in December of last year. The principal reduction was in the number of scarlet fever and typhoid cases. Measles was more prevalent and diphtheria about the same as last year. The detailed returns show:

Diseases.	—1914—		—1913—	
	Cases.	Deaths	Cases.	Deaths.
Smallpox . . . . .	55	2	54	0
Scarlet fever . . . . .	164	2	298	8
Diphtheria . . . . .	329	37	319	22
Measles . . . . .	201	2	175	5
Whooping cough . . . . .	42	1	60	8
Typhoid . . . . .	92	10	120	28
Tuberculosis . . . . .	94	60	90	48
Infantile paralysis . . . . .	2	0	1	0
Cerebro spinal meningitis . . . . .	3	3	3	0
	982	117	1,120	119

## A PSALM FOR DOCTORS.

The teacher of false ethics is our master; we know only want.

He maketh us serve the dispensary gratis; he leadeth us likewise into other fields of free service.

He thinketh not of our interests; he leadeth us in paths of sacrifice for his vanity's sake.

Yea, though we ask for the economic products of our labor, we receive only titles; for thou art with us; thy retainers they impress and flatter us.

Thou preparest a dinner before us in the presence of said retainers; we are crowned as altruists; but the cost of living proceedeth apace.

Surely hardship and hypocrisy shall follow us all the days of our lives, if we continue to give something for nothing forever.—*Long Island Medical Journal*, July, 1914.