

the action of adults in the matter of practical application of well-known hygienic truths. They, in considering the matter, remember they have survived, and then draw wholesale conclusions to the effect that the truths and arguments presented in regard to disease prevention are all bosh.

"The advice given by President David Starr Jordan is certainly sound: 'If ever you wish to go in for philanthropy, if ever you wish to be of any use in the world, do something for little children.' And, further, 'If the great army of philanthropists ever exterminate sin and pestilence, ever work out our race's salvation, it will be because a little child has led them.'"

Miss Agnes Morris, State organizer of school improvement leagues in Louisiana, and one of Dr. Dowling's principal assistants, made over 400 talks last year, relative to teaching hygiene in the public schools. She inaugurated medical inspection in many schools, had a morning exercise set aside once a week for the purpose of instructing children in personal hygiene and brought about the observance of Public Health Day, an unusual accomplishment for one woman.—*The Medical Times*.

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#### DEATHS OF PHYSICIANS IN 1911.

During 1911 there were reported the deaths of 2,145 physicians in the United States and the Dominion of Canada, remarks the *Journal of the American Medical Association* for January 6, 1912. Reckoning on a conservative estimate of 140,000 physicians, this is equivalent to an annual death rate of 15.32 per 1,000. For the nine previous years the death rates were as follows: 1910, 16.96; 1909, 16.26; 1908, 17.39; 1907, 16.01; 1906, 17.2; 1905, 16.36; 1904, 17.14; 1903, 13.73, and 1902, 14.74. The average annual mortality for the period from 1902 to 1911 inclusive was therefore 16.11 per 1,000. The age at death varied from 23 to 99, with an average of 59 years, 10 months, and 5 days. The general average age since 1904 is 59 years, 7 months, and 3 days. The number of years of practice varied from one to 76, the average being 32 years, 10 months, and 9 days. The general average for the past eight years is 31 years, 5 months, and 23 days. The chief death causes in the order named were cerebral hemorrhage, "heart disease," senility, pneumonia, external causes, and nephritis.

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#### A CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

The taking up of a campaign against Christian Science by a London newspaper, the *Express*, encourages one to hope that the proprie-