

through ignorance and carelessness scattered broadcast the germs of diphtheria and fever. "Am I my brother's keeper?" Perhaps not. But if we would guard our own children we must keep those of our brother.

Eve sorrowed over the sin of Cain when Abel lay dead across her knees. Yet Cain is but the symbol of the evil thing which neglected childhood produces and which comes creeping from every slum and stronghold of dirt and ignorance to maim and murder our loved ones."

One prediction I could add is that it is quite possible that the majority of our own descendants—even our near descendants—will be among the struggling masses. But these considerations after all appeal to our personal interests. The right of the child calls loudly out to us to listen in a different and still higher spirit. It is the call upon our conscience, not our interest.

Editorial Notes and Comments.

WE are once again approaching Empire Day, the 23rd of May.

It seems to be the general opinion among educationists that this day should not be looked upon as a holiday, but should be the occasion for giving the children definite and systematic instruction with reference to the Empire of which we are forming an increasingly important part. The Imperial Spirit is abroad and it has entered into the children in large measure. They are eager to know. Interest has been aroused by the general patriotic atmosphere by which we are surrounded. When the child is interested more than half the battle of education is won. The mere waving of flags, the shouting of "Rule Britannia" and "Soldiers of the Queen," and boasting of what we can do, will not make good citizens. Indeed we confess with much sorrow that the outward expression of loyalty is often accompanied by conduct that ill becomes a citizen of our empire.

Our children must be instructed in the duties and obligations that rest on all the individuals that compose the empire, so that, when the time comes, they may be prepared to take an honorable part in advancing its truest interests.

Without boastfulness, but as matters of fact, let us place before our children, as the coming citizens of this Dominion