

should wake up in the matter of caring for the inebriate. So should this country.

Attention is drawn to the good work of the Ontario Government in the matter of prison reform. Its method of caring for delinquent children leads the world—the exchanging of cell life for farm life. On the Guelph farm steps are being taken for the care of feeble-minded women. So far nothing has been done for the custodial care of the inebriate.

The letter then cites the various acts and steps that have been taken by the society and its efforts with the Government and others. For years the inspector of prisons has been urging the Toronto authorities to make some provision for inebriates other than the jail. At last a farm of over 400 acres has been secured and will be fitted up as a Reformatory Farm Colony. The letter then concludes in these words:—

“May we not hope that the present session of the Ontario Legislature will not be allowed to pass without introduction, by the Government, of an adequate measure whereby efficient provision shall be made with a view to the reformation of indigent and police court inebriates throughout the entire province. We are also desirous that a substantial increase be made to the small grant now made to the Ontario Society for the Reformation of Inebriates. If you find that you can favor these suggestions we will be much gratified.”

The Society for the Reformation of Inebriates and its worthy and indefatigable secretary, Dr. A. M. Rosebrugh, deserve sympathy and assistance in the work they are engaged in. They are giving their time in aid of a class who cannot take care of themselves. We commend their cause.

#### TYPHOID FEVER DEATH RATE.

The provincial mortality tables for 1910 have just become available at Queen's Park. The typhoid figures for 1911 have been gathered from the various city clerks. In order to make a comparison possible the returns have been compiled on the basis of a hundred thousand population. That is, where there are five deaths in a city of 20,000 the death rate per 100,000 would appear in the table as 25. Taking the assessor's population in each year as a standard, the *Star* has compiled the following statistics for 1910 and 1911:

Municipality.	1910.	1911.
Berlin .....	41	0
London .....	4	17
Guelph .....	27	13
Peterboro .....	29	15
Hamilton .....	15	13
Belleville .....	50	19