

## THE BELGIAN DOCTORS' FUND.

It is very gratifying to note with what rapidity this fund is growing, and this more especially as most of the money is coming from the medical profession. Sir Ryckman Godlee, president of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, wrote Dr. Bruce, of Toronto, as follows:

“As to the distribution of the funds it would be as difficult for Canada to ensure that proper use is made of any immediate personal relief they may send to Belgium, either in kind or money, as it is for the Mother Country. We have to do what we can in that way through the instrumentality of the International Commission for Relief in Belgium, which is chiefly in the hands of the United States, who are acting with great energy and efficiency in this direction. It would be highly gratifying to our committee if the duty of distributing the Canadian funds was entrusted to it, but this is a matter for the Canadian committee to decide.

“Whatever course the Canadian committee adopts it is earnestly hoped that a considerable proportion of the collected funds will be reserved for the important purpose of reinstating the Belgian doctors and pharmacists at the termination of the war, or when Belgium can be reoccupied by its own population. When that time comes it will be well for the Canadian committee, that of the United States, and other committees to consult and co-operate with one another in order to avoid the waste that may result from overlapping, if each body were to work independently of the others.”

To any who have not yet contributed to this fund, we commend the cause. The condition of the Belgian doctors during the winter that has just passed must have been deplorable in the extreme. To these unfortunate people we should extend both our sympathy and our assistance. All that we can do for them will be required, and most highly esteemed. The present war calls for the best that is in humanity.

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THE CARE OF THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

There is no more important duty resting on the people than the proper care of the feeble-minded. They should be provided with suitable institutions where they may be cared for and removed from the public, and the evil results of mixing up with others. All will concur in the words of Hon. Thomas Crawford, spoken at the annual meeting of the Toronto institution.

In speaking of the work in the city, Hon. Thomas Crawford drew attention to the large number of cases of feeble-minded children which the society had to look after. “Such children must be considered as a