

numbers of feeble-minded persons in the province, both children and adults, not cared for in any institution provided for the purpose, constitutes a grave menace to the moral and physical welfare of the community, and demands immediate action on the part of the Government. And further, this Synod is of opinion that no solution of the problem will be deemed adequate which does not make the fullest provision for adults as well as for children and young persons."

This resolution will be sent to the Provincial Government, and the second one to the Dominion Government:

"Whereas the report of the Psychiatric Clinic of the Toronto General Hospital has shown that 56 per cent. of those examined at the clinic and shown to be feeble-minded, were born outside Canada, having come in through immigration, and whereas the above fact constitutes a grave menace to the moral and physical welfare of the community, be it therefore resolved that this Synod earnestly requests the Government of this Dominion to take immediately such steps as may be deemed advisable to safeguard our country from this menace, and to prevent the entrance of such undesirable immigrants."

There are 10,000 feeble-minded persons now in Ontario, and of these 2,000 are in Toronto.

PATENT MEDICINES.

If a dealer sells goods and does not give full weight or measure he can be indicted for fraud. If any person sold a ring under a guarantee that it was 18-karat, and it was found to be only plated, he could be attacked as a criminal. When anyone advertises a cure for consumption or cancer, or paralysis, it is high time that the properly constituted authorities should look into the merits of the preparation and ascertain if the vendor can deliver the goods.

Medical men know the limitations that exist in the cure of disease. It is well known that a lung that is tunnelled with cavities cannot be cured by any known drug. It is well known that the vast majority of ruptures cannot be cured without proper surgical treatment. It is well known that a cancer in the breast, with implication of the glands in the axilla and neck, cannot be cured. It is well known that the paralytic from of transverse myelitis cannot be made to "take up his bed and walk." These are the very sort of diseases that cures are advertised for in the lay press all over the country. Every one of these should be examined, and stamped as frauds and driven from the market, where the vendor cannot make good his claim before a competent judge. There is no excuse for permitting persons, without a knowledge of medicine, or who are absolutely devoid of honesty, to enter upon such a traffic and