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THERE is some speed to the state board of health in Oregon. The last report of the department includes its activities to and including December 31, 1912. When these statements reach the general public, they are almost one year old and the benefit that the state derives from the work of the office is, on the face of it, very important.

It does seem that the heads of the department could get around with their report in less than a year's time after the work has been completed and could get their statements before the public in time to do the people of the state some good. The public generally is little interested in a report that is a year old and the benefits that can be derived from an analysis of conditions so long after they have happened that they are dead and forgotten are few and far between.

For instance, the report gives the results of the water tests made at the filter plant during the year 1912 and about 23 out of 39 tests show the presence of positive colon bacilli both in the city water and in that taken directly from the river. But that condition is of little interest to the people here now for the conditions of a year ago are possibly not the conditions of today. What the people want to know is the result of the tests made by the board within a reasonable length of time after those tests have been made. Certainly the board could finish its annual accumulation of work somewhere around the first of the year and have its tests printed and distributed within a period that would give the people some benefit of the work done.

Subservient reports made to quiet the anxiety of the people do not help health conditions in the least and the benefits that the state can gain from the existence of a health department are many if that office is conducted on the basis of impartial reports regardless of whom or what is hit.

For some cause or other, the people of Oregon City have little faith in the state board of health. During the typhoid troubles with which the city has been afflicted for months, several things have happened that have shaken the confidence and faith of the people in the state board and its decisions on water, as on other matters, are not taken with any particular seriousness by the public generally. The people have more confidence in their own physicians than they have in the visitors from Portland and the way that the state board seems to have dodged the issues that have been presented here from time to time has aroused the wrath of the people against the state officials.

A health board is the protecting wall for the people of the state against the encroachments of disease. It behooves the state, therefore, in making its selection of the men who are to have a position on that board to pick those who have the backbone to stand even against public sentiment when

Churches Themselves Must First Be Reformed Before They Will Accomplish Much

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IS THE CHURCH TO INSPIRE AND GUIDE THE INEVITABLE SOCIAL AND INTELLECTUAL MOVEMENT OF THE DAY, OR IS SHE TO STAND ALOOF OR OPPOSE IT? THE CHURCHES MUST THEMSELVES BE RADICALLY REFORMED BEFORE THEY CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH.

The fact should be frankly recognized both by those who deplore it and by those who approve that the weight and influence of all our churches are today conservative.

Here and there individual reformers in pew or in pulpit lift voices of protest against evident wrongs or seek to enlist the church's organization in the cause of radical reform. Their following is small. Their PROTEST SOON FALLS UNHEEDED. These progressives may succeed in organizing societies. They do not succeed in altering the conservative attitude of the main body.

The wage earner has small voice in the matter. The modern church is seldom organized so as to reach him. He has DROPPED THE CHURCH OR THE CHURCHES HAVE DROPPED HIM.

THE CHURCHES ARE DYING OF DRY ROT.

The church DOES NOT REPRESENT TODAY THE WHOLE PEOPLE, as once it did.

In a democratic age and country the AMERICAN CHURCHES ARE ARISTOCRATIC. The great churches have for many years deliberately catered for and followed the well housed, well clothed, well to do in the community.

that sentiment is against public health.

There have been health officers over the country who have done this. While their work may not have been appreciated by their own people at the time, the appreciation became all of the keener after the work began to show its results in the reduction of disease. W. C. Gorgas, chief officer of the department of health in the Panama canal zone was such a man. From the malarial swamps of that torrid country, filled with disease and death for the white man, he brought about the present healthful conditions of the American property. There have been others who have made themselves leaders in the fight for health. Harvey W. Wiley, chief chemist of the United States, was another man of the same calibre. Men with backbone are recognized and appreciated whether they be in business or in professional life and whether they are or are not interested in the public health. But how much more are they appreciated when they have stamina enough to determine upon the true conditions of affairs and tell the people frankly what they know and see that things are done to remedy those conditions. A little nerve in the health department of the state would be an excellent thing.

IT IS INEVITABLE that there should be a tendency to look upon the fire drill in the schools as a piece of routine which becomes monotonous and perhaps unnecessary. Pupils may pass through their entire school career, responding to fire drill after fire drill, and never having a bit of excitement to enliven the monotony. Yet now and then school boards and teachers, if not the pupils, see the wisdom of regulation which results in the movements of the fire drill becoming largely automatic. There is always the possibility that the time may come when the habit of responding to the signal will save a community from a great horror and scores of families from unspeakable grief. At Fort Wayne, Ind., the other day, five hundred pupils marched from a school building in one minute. There was no disorder and no one was injured in a crush, for there was no crush. Yet the building was filled with smoke at the time. As a matter of fact, there was no fire, the smoke being caused by an attempt by the janitor to burn rubbish in the furnace, but so far as the teachers and pupils knew, the smoke-filled building was ablaze. Fire drills have been given at frequent intervals in this school, and the effect was not lost upon the pupils in the face of a supposed emergency. An alarm had been sent to the fire department, and the fire chief, on his arrival, complimented teachers and pupils on their fire-drill performance.

BECAUSE the Southern Pacific railroad has a disagreement with its employees, the cotton, rice and sugar planters of Louisiana are threatened with heavy loss, and in many cases with utter ruin. It is absolutely necessary that their crops shall be moved. Desperate relief measures are being taken by the planters in all sections. Into Lake Charles, the leading rice center of America, came Saturday afternoon fifty wagons laden with rice, drawn by automobiles. From Lake Charles the cereal can be moved by the Kansas City Southern. The use of autos to haul crops is being resorted to in other sections. Other towns on waterways have chartered boats, some being drawn from regular service for the purpose, to carry the crops to the lines of the Frisco or to tidewater. Many of the Louisiana manufacturing plants, including the cotton gins, use oil for fuel, and the strike has caught them short in the busiest season. This trouble, inconvenience and loss is caused by the failure of a railroad system to discharge its customary functions. Whatever the merits of the dispute which led to the strike, it is clear that there ought to be some means by which it could be adjusted. If friendly arbitration fails, then there must be compulsory arbitration, or this country will be rushing headlong toward government ownership of public utilities. The present situation is plainly intolerable.

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