Auto More Deadly Than Contagion in This Modern Time

Automobiles are now more fatal than contagious diseases in Illinois, according to vital statistic reports issued by Dr. Isaac D. Rawlings, state health director. Last year, the provisional figures show, accidents with motor vehicles resulted in 1,647 deaths, while the total fatalities from diphtheria, measles, scarlet fever, smallpox, typhoid fever and whooping cough combined stood at 1,587. Furthermore, the mortality from automobile mishaps has increased at almost the exact rate which has marked the decline in deaths from the six infections named.

"Pedestrians fare worse than drivers and children bear the brunt of vital loss in fatal automobile accidents," said Dr. Rawlings. "Out of the 1,647 deaths due to this cause last year, 828 resulted from collision between automobiles and people on foot, the latter being victims in each case. About 25 per cent of the total were among children under fifteen years.

"Collision between two or more automobiles was the second most frequnt form of fatal accidents, accounting for 188 deaths, while collision between automobiles and trains stood a close third with 186. Asphyxiation with exhaust gas cost twenty-four people their lives and six people paid the same price for attempting to drive while intoxicated.

"In 1918 a total of 464 deaths were officially charged against automobile accidents in Illinois. In 1926 the number was 1,647. In 1918 diphtheria, measles, scarlet fever, smallpox, typhoid fever and whooping cough together were charged with 2,838 and with 1,587 in 1926, according to provisional data Thus the saving of 1,251 lives from these six infections was practically all lost to this new menace of life—the automobile.

"There were 756 of the fatal accidents recorded from Chicago and 891 down-state. This shows about an equal ratio between mortality from this cause and population throughout the state.

"It would seem that an average cost of nine lives every two days is a rather heavy price to pay for taking chances."

Famed Psychiatrist to Speak at College Mar. 28

Dr. Alfred Adler of Vienna will speak in Evanston on Monday evening, March 28, under the auspices of the National Kindergarten and Elementary college, on the subject "The Feeling of Inferiority in Childhood and Later."

Dr. Adler is famous as a psychologist and psychiatrist, and the work he has accomplished in Vienna through behavior clinics for the study of prob-1em children has attracted the attention of educators and scientists throughout the country. Parents, teachers and others will greatly appreciate the opportunity of hearing Dr. Adler's presentation of this subject, in which so many people are keenly interested, it is said. The lecture will be given in the auditorium at Harrison hall, Sheridan road, Evanston, at 8 o'clock Monday evening, March 28. Tickets may be secured through the college office.

TALKS TO NEIGHBORS

Dr. Franklin Bliss Snyders' talks on literature are not only holding the interest of those who started with the first but many more join each week. One gets a wonderfully clear idea of his thoughts on values in regard to the modern writers. The most interesting part of his lecture on March 11, was his reading of some of Masefield's poems. The lecture on March 25, is to be held at the home of Mrs. Craig Ketcham, 611 Abbottsford road, Kenilworth.

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