

## STERILIZATION BILL COMING

### Measure for Removing a Menace to Society.

Montpelier, Nov. 2.—The anticipated sterilization bill has been handed into the revision committee by Senator Johnson of Franklin county. For some time this need has received the serious consideration of such authorities on Vermont social conditions as Mr. Barss, Judge Weeks, Dr. Sears and Senator Johnson and legislation along these lines has been urged and expected by those informed as to conditions in Vermont and in touch with the advance of science in the field of social remedies. This subject was urged upon Governor Mead and he gave it a prominent place in his retiring message.

The measure is entitled "an act to authorize and provide for the sterilization of imbecile, feeble-minded and insane persons, rapists, confirmed criminals and other defectives." It arises from the menace to society which is only too apparent in the excessive productiveness of the mentally defective and criminal types. It is made possible by very recent surgical discoveries; which make sterilization possible by simple operations, practically unattended by danger and followed by no other serious results.