

mended to be employed. This was excellent, but it did not happen again. Why? Probably no money to waste (?) on printed pamphlets. They should be distributed every year. None so forgetful as the public. A good business man advertises every day of the year, and if the Board of Health really wish to educate the public, it must keep at it year after year; better have too much of such literature in a house than too little; better exaggerate the danger than underestimate it. Again, the patient or parents may not employ a medical man, but with some experience of former cases, may diagnose the illness, and if fairly mild, say nothing. In these cases the fullest opportunity should be given for the report of neighbors, etc. The people should be taught that it is not telling tales or spying; it is a duty they owe to themselves and their families; and the Government should allow the same privileges to letters addressed to the municipal or provincial health officer as is granted to letters addressed to the Postmaster-General—they should be free of postage. Next, as to the hospitals: We have to congratulate ourselves on the existence in our midst of an institution which has done more to help destroy scarlatina and impress the public than would have appeared possible even five years ago. Surely an institution which has found its way into the confidence of the people of this city, as the Montreal Civic Hospital has, is deserving of the highest praise, and speaks volumes for the unremitting care alike of medical attendants and nurses; but even hospitals have their limit of usefulness; they need an auxiliary, a convalescing home, where, in the regular routine, children should be sent. I recall three cases of scarlatina traced to a convalescent from the Civic Hospital after confinement for the regulation six weeks, when apparently all possibility of infection had disappeared.

As to the method of isolation, when carried out at home, in this most infectious of all contagious diseases, it must be most thorough. In the event of other children being in the house, school must be strictly forbidden, as well as playing in the streets with other children, and school authorities notified. If a self-contained house, then the patient's room will be upstairs, and the rest of the family downstairs. All carpets will have been removed and floors gone over with a damp cloth, to remove all dust—not washed. Light, and lots of it, with fresh air in plenty, and every trace of furniture,