

tirely changed, the idea of applying the \$50,000 for the establishment of a municipal dispensary and clinic for tuberculosis must be entirely set aside. It would be a complete disregard of the will of the people, and of the agreements entered into by all the parties concerned.

The vote was taken on a municipal sanitarium for consumptives, and that it be managed for the city by trustees appointed in a manner clearly defined when the vote was submitted. The money, nor any portion of it, cannot be given to any corporation or association unless all the above conditions are fully complied with. The \$50,000 can only be expended on a sanitarium, which must be outside of the city and governed by trustees appointed by the City Council.

THE ONTARIO HOSPITALS, REFUGES AND ORPHANAGES.

The 34th Annual Report of the Hospitals, Refuges, Orphans' Homes, etc., for the year ending 30th September, 1903, has just been issued.

There are now fifty-nine hospitals, thirty-five refuges, thirty-one orphanages, three homes for incurables, two convalescent homes, and two magdalen asylums in the Province.

Many improvements in the hospitals are noted, in the form of additional buildings, bathrooms, better ventilation, etc. Attention is drawn to the fact that in some hospitals the public ward patients seem to be somewhat overlooked in the interest of the paying patients, and the tendency to elaborate private wards and expend too much money on them are pointed out. The Inspector is of the opinion that this in some instances might be avoided. In some hospitals there appears to be an actual or seeming neglect of which the charity patients have complained.

There are only two hospitals entirely under municipal management, namely, the Hamilton City Hospital and the General Hospital in London. Dr. Chamberlain does not approve of this method of government of a hospital and thinks that hospitals had better be under the control of a board of trustees. For one thing they are more likely to receive donations. He points out that though these two hospitals receive Government aid, they are not really entitled to aid, as they are wholly under municipal control.

The number of patients in the hospitals on the 1st October, 1902, was 2,410; number admitted during the year ending 30th September, 1903, 32,368; and the total number under treatment during the year, 35,912. These figures do not include those who received medicine and treatment as outdoor patients. The number of deaths during the year was 1,997, and the total number of days' stay of patients in the