

Council is committed to the scheme of establishing a farm colony within, say, 10 miles of the city for the detention and proper treatment of inebriates, but two or three years may elapse before this boon can be realized. Moreover, a reception hospital in the city will be required in connection with the proposed farm colony. Under the circumstances the Executive Committee of the Society consider the time ripe for grappling with the problem. It is proposed to ask the Ontario Government for one-third the amount required, the City Council one-third and the benevolent public one-third. In this project may we not count upon the sympathetic co-operation of the medical profession?

***INFECTIOUS AND CONTAGIOUS DISEASES.**

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The upper air and digestive tracts are coming more and more to be considered as the port of entrance to the general system for many of the infections and contagions. The following list of diseases—some of them generally, and some of them occasionally—have as ports of entry the mouth and nose:

1. Diphtheria, with or without streptococcus complications.
2. Streptococcus infections—so called pseudo-diphtheria.
3. Influenza.
4. Pneumonia—the pneumococcus being present in the mouths of nearly all persons, adhering to the mucous membranes, and expelled by coughing and by cilia.
5. Otitis media.
6. General sinusitis.
7. Cerebro-spinal meningitis—in which it is commonly conceded that the nasal mucous contains specific organisms.
8. Intestinal and pulmonary anthrax.
9. Glanders—where usually the disease is first manifest in the nose, in the form of ulcerations on the mucous membranes.
10. Bubonic plague.
11. Leprosy.
12. Spirilla infections.
13. Spirocheta pallida.
14. Chancroids.

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