

value on each life than that of the committee of one hundred, namely, \$1,735, this would represent a grand loss by death in ten years of \$10,410,000. Dr. Hastings is only asking for \$175,000 to help in checking this fearful waste of life and its value.

We do not agree that the city's giving this sum would stop private benefaction. It was not so in the case of the General Hospital, nor in the cases of St. Michael's Hospital and the Western Hospital. These institutions received sums from the city, but they also received generously from their friends as well. We are inclined to think that when the city gives it acts as a stimulus to the rich. These latter say to themselves, "If the city will do nothing, why should we do all?" When they see the city as a whole doing some things for its sick poor, then they too are willing to help. No alderman will ever have to face an angry electorate because of his support to such expenditures as this.

Toronto is a big city, and let the people become big with it. Here is a plain duty before the people, and it is to be hoped they will not be found wanting.

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### JUVENILE COURTS.

It is with feelings of pleasure that we notice that progress is being made towards the establishment of a juvenile court.

Experience has shown that where such exists, the benefits are quite apparent. Children should be tried by different methods than those adopted for adults.

So many instances of crime on the part of the young person are due to bad environments, it becomes necessary to reform rather than punish.

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### VACCINATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

This question was up before the School Board of Toronto, and, after a good deal of discussion, the foot note was attached to the rules that vaccination is not compulsory.

Dr. Noble, one of the trustees, made a strong plea for vaccination. It was a foregone conclusion that he would not succeed in his contention. Toronto people have been thoroughly educated by the antivaccinationists, and, therefore, for the time being ignorance rules.

It is much to be regretted that so little attention is paid to this important subject. If one will take the trouble to ask the chief medical officers of our life insurance companies what is their experience, he will find that