

first time perhaps in their lives have the chance to see cleanliness, the importance of details and the beauty of a well ordered, self-contained life. The hospital indeed now plays such an important part in the world's programme that the erection of every well equipped modern hospital is cheering evidence of a determination to share in this great forward movement.

RELATIONS OF MUNICIPALITY TO HOSPITAL.

When a town or city contemplates the establishment of a hospital my first advice is to make sure that class partisan or sectional feeling of every kind is kept separate and complete. Ward politics are decidedly incompatible with hospital management. The contrast between municipal hospitals and those institutions which are controlled and directed by local boards is most marked. Fortunately in this country we have not the experience which has been so expensive in some of the American cities during the past year. There are only two or three what might be termed municipal hospitals in Ontario. Where these are located there is an absence of the hospital spirit among the people of the community. Local philanthropy is never exerted for the benefit of the hospital. It would, indeed, be a surprise for such a hospital to receive a contribution or become the object of a bequest. Not only is the hospital deprived of the contributions and sympathy of the people of the community, but the greater privilege of giving is kept from those who would otherwise find comfort and delight in practical benevolence. There are one or two places in Ontario where the people would as soon think of making a donation to the city hall or street railway as to the local hospital under municipal control and management. There is no room in Canada for more hospitals solely under municipal control. The ideal plan is, as so largely prevails in this province, local management under the direction of those who are actuated by a spirit of philanthropy coupled with civic pride, and are willing to administer the important trust committed to their care. These boards, however, deserve and must receive liberal municipal support. The Municipal Act of Ontario gives power to vote an annual grant each year for hospital support. Every city, town, village, township, and county council can exercise that power. Some of the municipalities make liberal grants towards the support of the hospitals in their midst. Unfortunately, there are many that will not take advantage of the power they possess to vote hospital grants. Some municipi-