

Health Officer or to the Secretary of the Local Board of the municipality."

With these resolutions we are most heartily in accord. When we consider the frightful havoc tuberculosis makes every year in our population, and when we further consider the appalling ignorance and carelessness of the public regarding this disease and the almost criminal action of the authorities of our public hospitals in admitting patients suffering from tuberculosis into the public wards alongside of patients suffering from less dreadful diseases we feel we would be negligent of our duty if we did not make special reference to this circular and again utilize the QUARTERLY to call the attention of the authorities of our hospitals and our local Boards of Health to this important matter. If any of our hospitals were to place a scarlet fever or a diphtheria patient in their public wards they would be prosecuted and rightly so. Yet we may visit almost any of our hospitals and find tuberculosis patients lying in bed along side of another patient suffering from some simple disease as bronchitis. A patient with bronchitis brought in contact with a tuberculous patient) as we know) is particularly liable to incur the latter. The bronchial mucous membrane is in an inflamed condition and thus prepared by disease to receive the tubercle bacilli and afford them a breeding ground. A bronchial patient thus contracting tuberculosis has been criminally exposed, has good grounds for action against the institution which so exposed him, and if he dies the onus of his death must be laid upon the authorities of the institution which permits such a condition of affairs to exist. Were a poor patient thus exposed to the contagion of small-pox who would defend the institution permitting such exposure and yet dangers from small-pox are slight in comparison with those of tuberculosis. A patient attacked by small-pox has a fair chance of recovery. A patient suffering from tuberculosis has almost a certainty of death. This dread disease carries off more victims than do all other contagious diseases collectively. When will the people whose money helps to maintain public hospitals arise in their might and compel the authorities of those institutions to provide isolation wards for tuberculous patients.

At present, it is true, there is a movement to establish in various parts of this Province sanatoria for the care of consump-