

much time and often a good deal of money in aid of these hospitals. These hospitals take in all sorts of patients from those who can pay nothing to those who can pay for the most expensive ward. They are under government inspection, and care for patients sent in under the medical health officer's certificate.

Each hospital has a staff of physicians and surgeons, whose duty it is to look after the city order and free patients. This must be done by a member of the staff, otherwise the hospitals could not maintain responsibility in the matter of the attendance upon these.

It must not be forgotten that the unattached physicians and surgeons are giving no time to the upbuilding of these institutions. The only time they give is when they attend one of their paying patients in these hospitals. The governors of these hospitals cannot call upon them as upon a member of the staff to give valuable time in the attendance upon free and pauper patients. The real facts are the unattached physicians and surgeons have the best of it, as they can attend their pay patients in these hospitals, and leave no responsibility in the matter of the poor cases.

There are some necessary restrictions regarding operations. At it will be found there also are restrictions on the members of the staffs of these institutions. Even members of the staffs have to conform to certain rules in the case of operations, etc.

All this has been very carefully thought out by the staffs and governors. No doctor not on the staff of any of the hospitals will have much cause for complaint if he approaches the matter with an open mind. Unattached physicians and surgeons will readily see that there must be regulations, and the desire is to make these meet as many conditions as possible.

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## OUR MARRIAGE LAWS.

These require revision. It is high time that steps should be taken to prevent degenerates and criminals marrying and producing a progeny of their own kind. For example, an epileptic male should not be allowed to marry a woman under 45 years of age, nor should an epileptic woman marry until she has attained this age.

There is no use being sentimental in this matter, and talking weakly about the rights of the individual. We do not hesitate to imprison a criminal or, in other words, take away his freedom to roam about doing wrong. In the same way we should take away the liberty of marriage from all those who are mentally perverted, the victims of alcoholism, or who have been convicted of crime in a high degree or for