

best for the purpose of preventing the spread of this disease." Western Avenue school, in Ward Three, has recently been surrounded by scarlet fever cases.

Senile Poor in Asylums.—The question of the insane in the county jails was again presented before the Government on March 11th, the deputation being from the City Council. Mayor Urquhart headed the party, which included Ald. Burns, Noble, Sheppard, Oliver, Richardson and Harrison; Dr. Sheard, Medical Health Officer; Dr. Richardson, jail physician, and City Solicitor Caswell. The Mayor said he was glad to see a reference in the speech from the throne to the subject of the care of the insane. Dr. Sheard said the number of insane in the Toronto jail was 32 a year ago, and 31 to-day. Of the 32, Dr. Sheard said, in reply to Mr. Stratton, 12 were moved to the asylum, 6 died, and 3 were discharged, while 66 were committed during the year. Mr. Stratton pointed out that transfers were made to the asylums as frequently as possible, keeping in mind the condition of the patient. The asylums were for those who could be improved. It never was the intention to keep those in the asylum who could be cared for in a House of Refuge. Dr. Chamberlain, Inspector of Prisons and Asylums, declared that 9 out of 10 of the people referred to in the Toronto jail were not insane, and no committee of experts of insanity had pronounced them insane. They were simply old people and perfectly harmless. Premier Ross asked whether a House of Refuge would be a remedy? Dr. Chamberlain said that such an institution was, and spoke as follows: "We think the Government has no duty to provide for the people's poor. Forty per cent. of the people in the asylums of Ontario were never insane. It is a disgrace to the municipalities who send their poor to the asylums. A doctor in Simcoe admitted to me that three persons confined in the jail as lunatics were not insane, but had been committed because their people could do nothing with them. The doctor said he would lose his position if he did not commit them." Dr. Chamberlain and Ald. Sheppard both expressed the view that the restrictions should be increased so that persons not insane should not be sent to the asylums. Premier Ross replied that in view of the legislation under consideration the information given would be useful. It was quite clear that the municipalities were inclined to send their senile demented to the asylums. Dr. Chamberlain in a final shot reminded the Mayor that there was no fire protection for the female inmates at the Toronto jail, and if a fire occurred not one could escape.

Would Not Kiss the Skull.—The students of Trinity University have had a taste of the authority of college law during the past month which has not proved precisely to their liking. The upshot of the matter is that for his wrongdoings one of the third