

With the further assistance volunteered by friends since our proposal of August last, the Association now proposes and is arranging to go on with the work immediately, and fully expects within a year to have its free institution for curable cases in operation. This institution will be erected in the neighborhood of our Cottage Sanatorium without asking the corporation for any contribution on capital account, and will be available for the city's poor patients, with free transportation to and from, on payment by the corporation of only the usual per diem hospital allowance.

With this part of the work under way the Association proposes addressing itself without delay to making provision for cases in suspense and for incurable cases, and has no doubt of its ability to raise the further sum necessary for that purpose in due time without municipal aid, so that poor patients of the city of these two classes can be taken charge of for the usual per diem allowance, supplemented by Government grant and private charity. It is still our view that these departments of the work should be located near the city, say not more than five or six miles from the City Hall at the farthest; and our plans contemplate the completion of this additional work within two years. This department of the work could, of course, be established sooner if municipal aid were given.

If instead of availing itself of what we propose to do, or aiding us in the establishment of a department of the work at Toronto, the Municipality prefers to establish a separate institution, we can only say that the need is certainly great enough and the field broad enough for all who are prepared to take an intelligent interest in the matter. This Association is the pioneer in organized effort to check consumption in Canada, and rejoices in every evidence of increased public interest in the subject. There should be no occasion for jealousy. It is, however, vital, if confusion and disorder are to be avoided, that all parties act with due caution, and a proper appreciation of the conditions necessary to obtain the best results. Anything savoring of mere competition, any waste in unnecessarily duplicating machinery, should be avoided if the sympathetic co-operation of the public is to be secured and maintained.

We have the honor to be,

Sir,

On behalf of the National Sanitarium Association,

Your obedient servants,

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