

The real remedy is for the members of the profession to have nothing to do with the "nasty thing." The medical profession will always have enough serious problems to deal with without having this additional sort of fish-animal Calaban monster come among us.

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### FIRE-PROOF HOSPITALS.

Within a few weeks there have been reported two fires in hospitals. In London a fire started in the hospital and might have caused serious loss in property, and, worse still, loss of life, had it not been for the happy chance of someone going to his office to do some after-hour work. He saw the fire and gave the alarm, and the fire was extinguished without doing much damage.

In the new hospital for children in Winnipeg a fire broke out. In this instance about three thousand dollars' worth of property was destroyed. In the room first over the fire were twenty children. These were removed by the nurses to a place of safety in a temperature of 20 below zero.

But the aspect of the case that demands consideration is that cities and governments keep on erecting buildings for hospitals, asylums, prisons, refuges, etc., that are not fire-proof. This should not continue. It may cost a little more at first, but it will be cheaper in the end.

Surely no body of trustees, no city, and no government would wish to be responsible for a holocaust of many lives. We have called attention to this subject on several occasions, but it is so important that it will bear being repeated.

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### THE ONTARIO MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The meeting for this year is to be held in Toronto on 21st, 22nd, and 23rd May, under the presidency of Dr. H. A. Bruce. The following announcement is made of the chairmen of the various committees:

Committee on Papers and Business—Dr. Graham Chambers.

Committee on Arrangements—Dr. J. F. Fotheringham.

Section on Surgery—Dr. A. Primrose.

Section on Medicine—Dr. W. P. Caven.

Eye, Ear and Throat—Dr. G. Boyd.

Obstetrics and Diseases of Women—Dr. F. Fenton.

General Secretary—Dr. F. A. Clarkson.