

after so much money has been advanced already in aid of hospital accommodation for the very reason that it would aid in medical education. Why build with one hand and pull down with the other?

A good deal has been said in favor of the city order patient having the right to be attended by the doctor he may know. There is no real foundation for this. They cannot pay the doctor and, therefore, the attendance might better be done by one who can make use of the case for teaching the students, and in the second place, the attendance will be thus mostly from a member of the teaching staff. This is not reflecting in the least on the ability of the general practitioner. We take the ground that city order patients should be used for the definite purpose of bedside teaching. A municipal hospital would be a departure from this principle, and, further, it would be a local affair.

THE PREVENTION OF CONSUMPTION.

The Canadian Association for the Prevention of Consumption has drawn up a series of rules for the prevention of the disease. These rules are being given wide publicity.

Attention is drawn to the evil effects of overcrowding, ill ventilated, dark and dirty rooms, insufficient and infected food, alcoholism and other forms of dissipation, and neglected colds and debilitating conditions.

Rules are given to the effect that a consumptive should not spit at large, he should use a Japanese paper handkerchief. In his room he should use a paper spitting-cup, and should be in the open air as much as possible.

The rooms occupied by consumptives should be sunny, no other persons should sleep in them; there should be no carpets, woodwork should be wiped daily with a disinfectant, all clothing should be changed and cleansed frequently, tableware should be kept for the patient only, the room should be thoroughly disinfected before it is used by another.

Disinfection rules are given. The face should be washed with a carbolic soap and the hands and body with a strong alkaline soap. All washable goods should be boiled in soap suds. Goods that cannot be washed and boiled should be disinfected by a steam sterilizer or apparatus. Such solutions as carbolic water, water with hardwood ashes, and hot water may be employed.

These instructions will do much good. Many may be willing to do what is best if they only knew how.