

1910, and \$1.30 in 1911. This clearly shows the need for the increase. It is absolutely wrong for any municipality to place its pauper sick in hospital and for these at less than the cost of maintenance secure free medical and surgical treatment.

When the poor of the various municipalities are cared for at less than cost, the difference must be found somewhere. The income from private patients and donations is liable to be swallowed up to meet this loss, and the hospitals are kept in a state of chronic lack of money. This interferes with growth and improvement.

Municipalities must learn to do their duty in this regard. It is admittedly more costly to care for patients now than in years gone by. There is so much more surgery done, and dressings and special nursing entail a heavy outlay of money.

The municipalities must in future do more for hospitals than they have in the past. In this case of Toronto the city is escaping very easily only to be called upon to pay \$1.00 per day for adult pauper patients, medical or surgical, and have no concern in the management of the hospitals.

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#### THE OLD TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL.

There is an agitation to keep on using the old Toronto General Hospital after the new General Hospital has been opened. This we believe would be a very serious mistake. The building has long outlived its usefulness as a hospital. It is old, ill-arranged for medical and surgical work, and is a thorough fire-trap.

We do not object to the eastern portion of the city enjoying the privilege of hospital accommodation; this, we feel sure, is bound to come. We think the present site of the old General Hospital might be used. We are quite sure that the east end of the city would be best served by a new building.

Viewed from all aspects, we do not hesitate to express the opinion that the old General Hospital should not be continued as a hospital, but that a new building should be erected on a portion of the present site and used only for paying patients. This would meet the requirements of the east end and enable the medical men of that part of the city to have hospital accommodation. The present management of the General Hospital should keep control of the new building.

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#### SAVE THE BABY.

Such is the heading of an eight-page pamphlet issued by the Health