

Notwithstanding all these facts, well known to anyone engaged in the management of hospitals, steps must be taken to reduce accidental deaths among hospital patients to the lowest minimum. This will mean more attendants, and this means added cost. It will become necessary for the hospitals everywhere to demand more money from their patients, and larger municipal and government grants. Hospitals cannot run their work without money; and, if extra burdens are going to be imposed on them, they must impose heavier charges upon those they care for. This is a matter for the Hospital Association to take up and give a careful deliverance upon.

Hospitals regret such accidents exceedingly. There must be careful and thorough consideration of this subject. From time to time we read of fires in hospitals and asylums where the open window was the means of averting a holocaust. If there had been barred windows we would have had a repetition of the Chicago disaster in a hospital fire of a few years ago.

The real solution, therefore, is more money for the hospitals to enable them to keep more attendants. They cannot do the impossible.

THE CARE OF CONSUMPTIVES.

This question is bound to come up from time to time. The consumptive we have in our midst always. Some of these could pay for their care and treatment, while others could not.

In our former issue we expressed the opinion that every large city should own its sanatorium. In small cities and in counties there should be a union of effort. The Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, which met recently in London, came to the conclusion that many small sanatoria, scattered throughout the country, would serve the needs of the people much better than a few large institutions far apart. This is sound ground to stand upon.

In Toronto the situation has come up for settlement. Dr. Hastings is urging that Toronto secure a sanatorium for itself. The National Sanitarium Association is opposing this view, and asking for a considerable sum for the work that is being carried on at Weston.

We have nothing but the highest praise for the work of the National Sanitarium Association, but we hold to the position already expressed, that the plan advocated by Dr. Hastings is the true one for Toronto to adopt. If the medical profession of Toronto is wise in its day and generation it will bend its energy in support of a hospital for consumptives for Toronto, where every physician may attend his own patients. Such an institution would be, in part, self-supporting. Those who could pay