

merely to give our opinion when asked, but to work the subject up and to set others working at it.

It is not many years ago that Mr. Ross knocked out of the Ontario Statutes the clause providing for a "separate" smallpox ward in every general hospital! To-day people would be horrified at such a combination. So we grow; but it would certainly be safer, as was pointed out at a recent conference, for a person, well protected by vaccination, to share a room with a smallpox patient than with a consumptive. And, yet, how little is the danger in this latter class of cases appreciated and guarded against. Let each patriotic medical practitioner go on working at this matter until there is some proper place in which poor consumptives (the consumptive poor) of his municipality can be placed and kindly cared for in such a manner as to give them the best chance for life, and to save them from being a constant menace to the lives of their friends.

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THE MEDICAL CARE OF CHRONIC INEBRIATES.

In writing for medical readers we do not consider it necessary to take up time proving that these unfortunates exist, and that many of them and their friends need a helping hand. The practitioner has the fact of their existence thrust upon him from time to time in the shape of the perplexing problem: What can I do to save this man from this constant recurrence; from going down, down, down in the social and financial scale? to save his family from the concurrent shame and loss?

The general question has, for a long time, been merely answered by a helpless shrug of the shoulders. An attempt to give the more wealthy victims, (the wealthy victim of alcoholism and those dependent upon him), means of deliverance was embodied in what is now Chap. — R. S. O., but beyond this the general attitude has been as described. This, surely, is not a logical way of dealing with the question. There either is a problem to be solved or there is not. The springing up of gold-cure establishments, *et hoc genus omne*, seems to indicate that there is; and we think few in our profession will say there is not. It is evidently, then, incumbent on the many to help