

The Muskoka Cottage Hospital cared for 228 patients, and the Free Sanatorium for 258 during the past year. Since the establishment of these institutions 3,000 patients had been treated in them during the past ten years.

An ex-patient gave \$1,500 for the purpose of equipping the laboratory; while another person gave \$1,500 towards the doctor's salary who is in charge of the laboratory.

It was agreed that in connection with the Toronto Free Sanatorium, a visiting nurse should be employed, whose duties it would be to visit the homes of the consumptive poor and give needed instructions.

CLEAN MILK IN TORONTO.

Toronto has been taking some forward steps in the matter of clean milk. In this work all praise is due the Academy of Medicine for the energy it has shown in the good work. The Academy appointed a commission to look into the condition of the premises of the dairies which may wish a certificate as to the sanitary state of these. If the water supply, cans, attendants, etc., are found satisfactory, a certificate will be issued to the dealer.

The milk must be cooled to less than 45F and then bottled and kept on ice till it is delivered. It is not heated and no preservatives are added. It must contain from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. butter fat. Each bottle is closed by a paper cap, bearing the stamp of the Commission and the date. All premises agreeing to the conditions of the Commission will be regularly inspected.

The milk that will come up to the standard laid down by the Academy will prove much safer, especially for children, than much that is on the market under the prevailing conditions of the past. No doubt other large centres will act in a somewhat similar manner.

THE TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL.

From time to time statements are made regarding the attitude of this hospital towards the members of the medical profession who are not attached to its staff. It is well to put the matter clearly before the profession.

Any bed in the hospital is at the disposal of any medical practitioner, regardless of the fee, excepting such as are reserved for city-order cases. This means that if a patient pays 70 cents a day, or