

themselves. Mr. Lucas, chairman of the Bills Committee, made it plain that it was contrary to the Government's policy to grant any such legislation until the whole matter of medical education and practice had been gone into fully by a special commission.

On the occasion of the opening of the Toronto General Hospital the late Sir James Whitney made the statement that it was the Government's intention to appoint a commission to investigate all sorts of practice and report upon them. On the facts brought out by such a commission legislation would be based. The commission has not yet been appointed, and Mr. Lucas stated that he could not state when this would be done, but until it had been done, there would be no special legislation for any body of practitioners.

Chiropraxy and osteopathy are forms of massage, rubbing, manipulation, and movement of parts of the body. In some form this has long been before the world. The whole question can be summed up in an effort to evade the requirements of the Medical Act and take a proper course in medicine before being allowed to practise. The establishment of special colleges could have no other effect than to create short cuts to the right to practise on sick people.

The medical profession has always taken the position that if a person goes through the usual course of study and qualifies in the usual way, he may call himself by any name he pleases and practise as an osteopath, a chiropractor, an eclectic, and so forth and so on. If he cares to throw away his five years' training he may do so.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO BASE HOSPITAL.

With great armies in the field there are sure to be large numbers of wounded and sick soldiers. This imposes heavy burdens for their proper care. Much credit is due to President Falconer in this matter, as, no doubt, he was mainly instrumental in bringing the University of Toronto military hospital into existence.

All the arrangements have now been completed. The selections of surgeons, physicians, specialists and scientists have been made. All is now ready for a movement onward. The action of the medical staff of the University cannot be too highly praised in this matter. There was not the slightest difficulty in securing the requisite number of professional men to man the hospital, which is to be one of 1,040 beds. The list of those going is published on another page. This hospital will render splendid services, as those who constitute its staff are among the best known members of the medical profession.