

A GOODLY GIFT.

Mr. J. C. Eaton's gift of \$250,000 for the construction of the surgical wing of the new General Hospital is an announcement that will be learned by all sections of the community with unqualified pleasure and general congratulation. Mr. Eaton designs his gift to be associated with the memory of his father, and it will be felt that there could be no more gracious monument to recall the greatest and most enlightened merchant Toronto ever produced. He built up a business on new lines and on new principles, and in doing so amassed a great fortune, and it is not difficult to conceive of his saying to his son and successor, "Well done!" at this announced employment of a portion of that wealth.

There is perhaps no form of benevolence that appeals to the public with greater force than the endowment of institutions intended to minister to the sick and suffering. Men and women, while health is still preserved to them, can endure the other afflictions of life with courage and philosophy, but when the very citadels of life in this delicately compacted frame of ours are assailed, hope ebbs and the whole world seems dark. Too often ill-health brings other dire evils in its train—loss of employment, stoppage of earnings, deprivations in the home, the death of ambition, and the clouding of the outlook for the future. At such a moment citizenship in a community where the bounties and benevolences of life have not been neglected is a valuable thing. To this common value Mr. Eaton has made this munificent contribution. May it be, as it certainly will be, a constantly pleasant thought throughout what we may well hope will be a career as extended as it is useful and helpful.—*The Globe*.

THE ANNALS OF SURGERY COMPLETES ITS FIFTIETH VOLUME.

The December number of the *Annals of Surgery* (Philadelphia), which completes the fiftieth volume of that journal, is worthy of more than passing notice. It is a jubilee number, and, by its size and the character of its contents, fittingly marks so important an event in its history. The cosmopolitan character of the journal is seen from the list of contributors, which comprises the leaders in surgery of England, Scotland, Denmark, France, Italy, Hawaii, Canada, and the United States.

Twenty-two articles form a number of more than four hundred pages. The illustrations, some of which are colored, are profuse, making a volume which merits the term of a jubilee number. Such an event in the history of any medical journal is worthy of note.