His public services to Canada have been many and great. He was one of those who aided very much in carrying through the legislation that made the Canadian Pacific Railway a possibility. While we think of these services, we must not forget those to his own profession. He was one of those who took an active share in organizing the Canada Medical Association and was its first president.

To the aged statesman and doctor we extend our greetings· We rejoice that he has been spared so long to see the fruits of his labors for his country and his profession. With admiring Juliet we say:—

> He was not born to shame,
> Upon his brow shame is ashamed to sit;
> For 'tis a throne where honor may be crowned,
> Sole monarch of the universal earth.

THE HEALTH OF THE CHILD.

It takes a long time to arouse public opinion, but in one direction it has been stirred very vigorously, namely, that of paying proper attention to the many conditions that concern the welfare of the child. In Montreal during October of this year there is to be a convention on the health of the child.

During this convention such varied topics as heredity, the feeding of the child, infectious diseases, and the clothing of the child. There is ample scope in this programme for much useful work. It is a shame to a country like Canada that the infant mortality is so high. With the diffusion of knowledge there will be marked improvement, for in this case knowledge is power.

DETENTION ASYLUM FOR TORONTO.

We have already urged that there should be accommodation provided in Toronto for patients who may become mentally deranged, and whose future has not become clear. The government has decided to remove the asylum from Toronto to Whitby and plans are agreed upon for buildings to cost about $600,000.

This change would leave Toronto with only the jail to fall back upon, or, for overnight, one of the cells in a police station. This will not do. Toronto must do better than this for its insane. One may go insane as one may contract typhoid fever and provision for both must be made. We agree with the position expressed by Controller Me-