

sending in patients for treatment, voluntary patients received and treated—the “open door” to these hospitals established.

Dr. Ryan in closing his address paid a graceful tribute to the Provincial Secretary as the man above all others who had made this change possible for us in Ontario.

Mr. Hanna must have been gratified at this open recognition and public acknowledgement of the good work done in and through his Department for the patients of the hospitals of the insane, and might have rested on his laurels and been content; but just about the time Dr. Ryan's address was delivered new and still greater opportunities for service presented themselves, and the Provincial Secretary rose to the occasion. The Queen Street Asylum, in Toronto, had been sold, the old system of housing so many and such varied cases under the one roof had long been condemned. New quarters must be secured. This was Mr. Hanna's opportunity. If good results had been accomplished under the old conditions, still better results might be expected under the new. The Government can now pick out their own site, can erect a hospital in accordance with the very latest view as to best methods of classifying and housing the patients. A block of land of six hundred and forty acres, including several farms, was secured at Whitby. The site selected is an ideal spot, on the lake front, just such a place as is chosen for a summer resort, with beautiful Lake Ontario to the south, the sheltered waters of Whitby Bay to the east, the town of Whitby to the north. If environment means anything in the treatment of the sick, what site could be more desirable than the one selected?

On this site the Government propose to erect a hospital village. A good deal of the work has already been done, farm lands under-drained, roads made, walks laid, a railway spur from the Grand Trunk Railway put in, sewage system installed, light and water system installed, seven cottages erected and almost ready to be occupied. A good start has been made. I cannot enlarge fully upon the plan of the Government as to what buildings are to be built and how arranged, as their plans as yet are merely tentative and subject to many changes; but in general terms I might say that they propose erecting close to the lake front several hospitals for all acute cases, for all newly admitted cases and for cases sent in by physicians for treatment in which hospitals all patients requiring treatment will receive the care and attention that the most modern hospitals afford.

At some considerable distance away from the lake front, a whole series of cottages are to be erected for patients not requiring medical treatment, but merely supervision of personal hygiene, the most easily managed patients and those who will work. Off in another direction a number of cottages for private patients are to be built.