

EDITORIAL.

THE KENTVILLE SANITARIUM.

RECENT changes in the management of the Kentville Sanitarium have received such scant notice in the lay press that the bulk of the profession are probably not aware of them. The changes are briefly the appointment of Dr. A. F. Miller as resident superintendent, and the consequent retirement Miss Elliott the resident matron superintendent, and the attending physician, Dr. W. S. Woodworth. It is a well known fact that the profession never liked the scheme of management which was adopted by the government. It was very generally felt that the authorities were too much influenced by economical motives, and that they did not sufficiently recognize the fact that the personality of a resident physician plays a large part in ensuring the success of such an institution and of commanding the confidence of the profession. The MARITIME MEDICAL NEWS of May, 1904, expressed the views of the profession very clearly. "It is said that a resident medical superintendent is not likely to be appointed. We trust the report is incorrect. The profession recognizes that successful results can only be obtained by close attention to the many and minute details of treatment which require constant modification to suit individual cases. Each case will call for close and continuous study and the exercise of tact, and no one except a specially trained medical man can carry out the work and enjoy the confidence of the medical profession and patients."

The full acceptance by the government of the views held by the profession is worthy of note and congratulation. Dr. A. F. Miller, the recently

appointed resident physician has very much in his favour and comes well recommended. He is a young man, a hard working, careful student and has plenty of energy and enthusiasm. He has devoted the greater part of his professional life to the study of the problems of tuberculosis. He has prosecuted his studies mainly at the well known Saranac Sanitarium under the direction and guidance of the famous Dr. E. L. Trudeau, one of the most eminent authorities in America on tuberculosis.

Dr. Miller's qualifications will ensure him the respect and good will of the profession. Confidence will not be extended until his usefulness on behalf of the institution under his charge has been demonstrated by good results.

It is confidently hoped that when Dr. Miller has his official work well in hand he will have time to take part in the great educational campaign now being conducted against tuberculosis. He will receive a warm welcome at meetings of our various medical and anti-tuberculosis associations.

The retiring officials, Miss Elliott and Dr. Woodworth, are entitled to praise for the careful way they discharged their duties under most adverse conditions. Their retirement has not been due to lack of executive ability, but to an urgent necessity for change in the mode of management.

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THE HALIFAX INFIRMARY.

THIRTY years ago there was only one general hospital in operation in Nova Scotia, the institution then known as the Provincial and City Hospital, later as the Victoria General Hospital. The building was completed about 1860, but