EDITORIAL.

Postural Albuminuria of Children, Dr. W. H. Eagar, Halifax; The Prodromata of Insanity, Dr. W. H. Hattie, Halifax; The Treatment of Smallpox without Pitting, Dr. Archibald Leitch, St. Thomas, Ont.; Tracheotomy as a Remedy in Severe Whooping Cough, Dr. A. B. Atherton, Fredericton, N. B.; Recent Fracture of the Clavicle, with Operative Treatment, Dr. J. W. T. Patton, Truro N.S.

In addition to the foregoing several have promised papers, but have not yet decided upon the title of same.

DR. J. N. E. BROWN CHOSEN.

The Board of Trustees of the Toronto General Hospital has appointed Dr. John N. E. Brown superintendent of the hospital in succession to Dr. Charles O'Reilly. The appointment came as a surprise to Dr. Brown, as well as to many friends of the hospital, who believed that an accountant rather than a physician would be chosen to deal with its affairs. It is generally admitted, however, that Dr. Brown is an ideal choice. He has been absent from Toronto for some years, having gone to the Yukon Territory shortly after the great gold discoveries there. He became Medical Health Officer of Dawson City, undertaking a task of no light dimensions when it is remembered that Dawson City sprung up like a mushroom, and was populated by the offscourings of the earth. Then he became Territorial Secretary of the Yukon Territory. Last winter on returning to Toronto he went to Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, for a season of experiment and study. Dr. Brown is by no means unfamiliar with hospital work, having been for a time chief obstetrician at St. Michael's Hospital. He is the husband of the well known newspaper writer, "Faith Fenton," whom he married at Dawson City. We hope Dr. Brown may fill the position as long as did his predecessor and leave it with as many kind wishers.

DEATH RATE SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE.

The returns made for June to the Provincial Board of Health of cases and deaths of infectious diseases, including deaths from all causes are the most complete in the history of the department since the Act came into force in 1897, requiring municipal clerks to make monthly returns. Out of 777 division. egistrars in the Province, 760 have complied with the regulations and made returns, representing a reporting population of 2,059,515, being 90 per cent. of the Province.