

Mr. John Ross Robertson took it upon himself to see that a special hospital for sick children should be forthcoming for Toronto. All know of his work.

Others gradually became interested in other hospitals, and gave of their time and money to an extent that the public know but little. Within a comparatively few years much has been done of a very substantial character.

The new general is on the way, and ere long the public eye will see the commencement of what will, no doubt, be a splendid hospital, "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

St. Michael's, a few years ago, added a very fine new wing, and, with the \$50,000 recently voted by the city, will still further improve its accommodation.

The Toronto Western Hospital began a little over ten years ago in a small rented house. To-day it has a site of four and a half acres of land with five buildings, and money enough to immediately erect another handsome fire-proof pavilion for at least 70 patients. The story of this institution reads like a romance.

Grace Hospital has done excellent work for the city, but the site is not large, and we think the feeling is growing that it would be well for Grace and the Western to unite their efforts. They are near each other and the Western has ample land. The work they are doing is practically the same, and there is a perfectly friendly feeling between them. Much could be saved in running expenses by a union. This should be kept in the minds of all interested in these two hospitals. Should this union be consummated there would very soon be in the western portion of the city, a hospital second to none in Canada.

On the whole the situation looks bright all round.

HOSPITALS AND ASYLUMS IN THE MARITIME PROVINCES.

A casual perusal of the reports on the hospitals and asylums in the Maritime Provinces show the evidences of much improvement. There is a steady increase in the number of hospitals, and those formerly in existence are improving their buildings.

The governments down by the sea are becoming more liberal minded, and those with money are giving some of it away. By these means the hospitals of the Maritime Provinces are being greatly improved. Opinion is changing, and it is now coming to be recognized that the proper care of the sick is a good way to invest some of the people's money. It pays well to get them back to life's duties.