

roundings will be so arranged that not more than two cottages will be seen at one view, the whole being intended to create a cheerful, home-like atmosphere. The present plans when completed will provide accommodation for 1,500 patients, and are so arranged that additional units of 500 each may be added without conflicting with the original construction.

The hospital centre consists of four buildings, with kitchen and dining-rooms. These buildings contain the observation wards, and two convalescent cottages. These buildings also contain the wards for the acute cases. In all about 350 patients can be cared for in these central buildings.

The cottage centres consist of two groups of cottages, accommodating fifty-two patients in each cottage. For each group an infirmary is provided, which will take care of all those patients assigned to cottage centres, and who require special nursing on account of general feebleness or physical illness.

This method of arranging the buildings has the effect of separating the patients into groups, such as those requiring constant supervision and medical care, and those who only require such care as is of a hygienic character and who are able to work at various employments. These cottages take on much of the features of a comfortable home life. By this plan a much more satisfactory classification of patients is possible. There is ample provision made for the treatment of such patients as may be taken ill with any form of medical or surgical disease.

Central Prison labor is made use of in the preparation of the material required, and the prisoners in Toronto and Guelph are engaged on doors, sashes, etc., while many of the prisoners are employed on the work of construction of the buildings, the drains, sewers, etc. The cost is thus reduced from \$1,400,000 to one-half this amount.

MORE HOSPITALS FOR TORONTO.

It would appear from some of the reports in the daily press that some medical men think that all that is required to get up a new hospital is to call a meeting and secure a charter and leave some items in the newspapers. Experience will prove this to be a dream, and shall vanish into air, into thin air, as did Prospero's vision.

Look into what has to be done. In the first place a site of not less than two acres is required. Buildings must be separated from each other. There must be a building for patients. There must be one for the nurses, there must be minor buildings for detention cases, laundry,