

Howard Marsh took the view that the pavilion system was not only not essential, but was in some respects inconvenient and open to positive objection. Two of the questioned were positive that the pavilion system was essentially the best. As a result of these replies the Medical Board concluded that a Hospital suitable in every way could be built on a plan other than the pavilion. The Chairman of the Medical Board made report as follows: "Our report is really a most important one; I know of none of equal importance. Not only has no concensus of professional opinion been before obtained, but no such enquiry as we have made had ever been carried out. Hitherto it has been thought that medical opinion was wholly in favour of a pavilion plan exclusively. We have found that this is a complete mistake. The consequence of this is that in future Hospital authorities will be less fettered and will give effect to their wishes at lessened cost."

While it may yet be best, where ample space and plenty of money is available, to adhere to the pavilion system, yet there can be no question that the introduction of antiseptic and aseptic surgery and the more scientific treatment of germ-diseases renders it quite possible to obtain very excellent results, even in large single buildings. In such buildings the wards should be large and lofty, the ventilation perfect, the plumbing of the most perfect kind, and the nursing thoroughly efficient. In Canada, where the very wealthy are not exceedingly numerous, and where the calls for philanthropic giving are great, the large single building for towns and cities has been what has been erected. To those who aided in their building and to those who may assist in the building of other Hospitals, the fact that they now have the endorsement of some of the most eminent living physicians must be a source of very great gratification. The fact of this change in medical sentiment is beyond doubt due to the great system of antisepticism inaugurated by Lord Lister, and for which he received, from our late Queen, the highest gift ever bestowed upon a medical man. Without it large Hospitals must have continued to be in the future what they were in the past—most unsatisfactory in their results, more especially on the surgical side.