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THE ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL.

We were pleased to see that the deputation organized to support this institution did not receive any encouragement from the Government. No one doubts the ability of the staff nor the need of good orthopedic facilities, but everyone knows that the passion to multiply charities is demoralizing the people and injuring the profession.

There is no necessity for every man who claims to be a specialist to have a hospital to advertise the fact. There is, moreover, another very serious objection to this multiplication of charities, and that is that the money which might be devoted to useful purposes is simply frittered away.

A few old maids with a mission and a parson with spare time are a guarantee for the launching of some new charity, in which 50 per cent. of the money will be devoted to salaries, and the balance to publishing reports.

Take the new Sanatorium at Gravenhurst. No one will deny that it is as well conducted from a business standpoint as any of these institutions, yet 25 per cent. of the annual income goes to salaries; and now we have a new one being organized here. We would be understood as in no way decrying the necessity for carrying on charitable work. On the contrary, we most earnestly believe in a much greater socialism than exists to-day. We believe