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EDITORIAL.

HON. W. J. HANNA, THE FRIEND OF THE SUFFERING.

The work which Hon. W. J. Hanna has done for hospitals, asylums, refuges, orphanages, etc., will long stand a memorial to his broad-minded policy and large ideas of the needs of these institutions.

The statutes have been amended so as to enable hospitals to raise the minimum charge. This was necessary, and Mr. Hanna saw that it was, and acted accordingly.

The Act was also changed so that a capitation of 20 cents a day is paid to hospitals by the province on such patients as do not pay more than the minimum. This has proven a great boon to the hospitals of Ontario. The old grant was a sum of \$110,000, divided among the hospitals in proportion to their poor patients. This gave each hospital much less than under the new plan.

Since these changes, the hospitals in Ontario have done much better, because they have not been so cramped for money. In these efforts he has been ably assisted by the Inspector of Hospitals, Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith.

For the care of the insane, much has been done. The asylum work of the province has been vastly improved. New institutions have been erected and others are planned. There is a careful system of nursing and the study of the insane now in operation in these institutions. In these changes, Dr. C. K. Clarke has done much valuable work.

There is also coming into existence an asylum civil service, where promotion comes to those who do good work. This is bound to yield good results.

THE NEW GENERAL HOSPITAL.

On the 11th of April, the corner stone of the new General Hospital was laid amid very auspicious circumstances.

J. W. Flavell, LL.D., said in opening, that the site, consisting of a little over 10 acres, was secured at a cost of \$609,000. The buildings are to cost \$2,000,000. Towards this the University made a grant of