

A NEW WING TO THE KINGSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

It is gratifying to be enabled to record such instances of true philanthropy as the following, extracted from the *Toronto Leader*. Such acts of benevolence are a perpetual monument of their own merit, and must abundantly reward the generous donor.

"A new wing has just been added to the General Hospital at Kingston; it is called the Watkins' wing, having been erected at the expense of John Watkins, Esq., of that city. It is intended to receive patients suffering from contagious diseases."

PHYSICIAN TO THE QUEBEC GAOL.

In consequence of the lamented decease of Dr. Fremont, a vacancy has occurred in the medical department of the gaol in Quebec. We can add nothing to the encomia passed upon Dr. Marsden by our contemporary, the *Transcript*, of this city. The appointment is due to that gentleman in every respect; while, in addition to what is hereafter said, we have to add that no one in this part of the Province has contributed more to the elevation of the Profession to its present high position, by his unrequited public writings, than he. We are persuaded that the appointment suggested to the Government, in the few remarks which follow, would give general satisfaction.

"We notice that the English papers of Quebec are unanimous in recommending Dr. Marsden for this office, in succession to the deceased Dr. Fremont. Dr. Marsden's popularity as a citizen is as widespread in the district of Quebec as his professional fame is admitted. He has always taken an active part in public affairs, but constantly on the side of order and good government. He has been a Provincial Medical examiner for upwards of a quarter of a century, a Governor of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Lower Canada for half that time, and is now its President. For several years he has been a Commissioner for the summary trial of Small Causes; he is a magistrate, a city councillor, and is likely to be elected Mayor during the absence of Mr. Pope in England. A Quebec contemporary well says, 'besides the distinguished reputation of Dr. Marsden as a surgeon and a physician, his long professional residence in Quebec and his many public services during seasons of contagion, the Dr. has special claims to this appointment, arising out of his well known liberality and generosity towards the poorer class of patients.' The government could not make a nomination more popular than by appointing him."

DISTRESSING SUICIDE OF DR. FRAZER.

STAFF ASSISTANT-SURGEON OF THE RIFLE BRIGADE.

We quote the following detailed account of this melancholy affair from the *Toronto Leader*. Dr. F. was very much esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

In these unchivalric days, we are not often called upon to record many instances in which love and suicide bear an intimate relation to each other. But a case has just occurred in town, of a most distressing nature. Dr. Frazer, Staff Assistant-Surgeon of the Rifle Brigade, who had been boarding at the Queen's Hotel for some few days past, committed suicide on Wednesday night, Dec. 31, by cutting his throat with a razor. The doctor was an intelligent, fine looking man, and during his stay at the hotel, made himself many friends among those with whom he came in contact, and very few persons noticed anything remarkable either in his manner or conduct. During the entire time, however, he labored more or less under depression of spirits, which, there is little doubt, resulted from a disappointment in a love affair. The young lady, who has been unwittingly the cause of this very foolish act, is said to be very prepossessing and exceedingly