

brought daily home to the charitably disposed as is not possible to nearly the same extent with an institution out of sight.

Appreciating these and other advantages of the Toronto location, it was with great reluctance that the Association gave up its option on the site mentioned and turned its attention to some other plan of developing the work. No other course, however, was open since the Municipality would give no aid, and instead of our being able to count on general public sympathy it was clear formidable opposition would have to be encountered.

Once location within sight of the city was given up, the question of how far off to go became largely one of cost of transportation. An institution ten or twenty miles distant is as completely out of sight and out of touch as practically one 100 miles off.

Entertaining this view, the Association has decided to establish its free institution for curable cases within reach of its other institution at Gravenhurst, leaving for subsequent settlement the location of the receiving home.

Some of the advantages of the Gravenhurst location may be thus summarized :—

1. Under agreement with the Grand Trunk Railway Company we are entitled to free transportation to and from Gravenhurst for 100 poor patients per annum, and half rates for all such patients in excess of that number.
2. A magnificent site is there available at a merely nominal cost.
3. The suitability, climatic and otherwise, of the location has been demonstrated beyond all doubt by the experience of the past three years.
4. There would be a large saving of expense in availing ourselves, as far as practicable, of our present staff, plant, and appliances with general administration from the Central office.
5. The site is upon a beautiful lake, affording exceptional advantages for boating in summer and skating in winter. This latter consideration is more important than appears at first sight, as ability to spend a large proportion of the time in the open air with pleasant occupation of the mind is a prime requisite in the cure of this malady. In the absence of a suitable body of water it is very difficult to secure that diversity of outdoor life without which it is almost impossible to keep the patients, week after week, pleasantly employed out of doors for the necessary proportion of their time.