

Smith, and Dr. Harris, at present relieving officer for the public institutions, has been appointed to the position vacated by Dr. Mitchell. Dr. R. W. Bruce-Smith formerly practised in Seaforth, and in 1895 was President of the Ontario Medical Association. Prior to going to Brockville, he was assistant physician at the Hamilton Asylum.

The Marine hospital, which was erected by the Dominion Government at Louisburg last summer is practically completed.

The new hospital building at Rat Portage was formally opened on the 18th September. It will cost when finished \$15,000.

Mr. Cawthra Mulock has offered \$100,000 for the building, equipping and furnishing of an out-patient department in connexion with the Toronto General Hospital.

The corner stone of the Moose Jaw hospital was laid on the 19th September. The building when completed will cost \$20,000, of which over \$12,000 has been subscribed.

The Sanitarium for Consumptives which the National Association has built near Weston has been finished, and is now open for patients. The situation is a good one, on a high bluff above the Humber River, and includes about thirty-seven acres of land.

Dr. Cheffey, a prominent and well-known personality in the County of Simcoe for over half a century, died in Toronto on 10th September, in the 78th year of his age.

Retrospect of Current Literature.

SURGERY.

UNDER THE CHARGE OF GEORGE E. ARMSTRONG.

SPENCER GRAVES, M.D. "A New Operation For Pyothorax." *Medical Record*, Aug. 6, 1904.

The object of this report is to submit for consideration the following operation. Removal of the entire rib anterior to the opening for drainage, which should be as near the posterior wall of the suppurating cavity as possible, the purpose of this being to prevent deformity, and resection of rib above or below, for adequate drainage in some recent cases of empyema. Removal of entire rib if necessary, two ribs (except the head) with resection of one for drainage in chronic cases for the