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EDITORIAL.

THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL.

We believe that the Board of Governors of the Toronto General Hospital acted wisely in selecting a medical man to succeed Dr. J. N. E. Brown, who resigned. We ventured to express this view in our issue for May. We are glad to be able to record that this view has prevailed.

With the choice of Dr. C. K. Clarke, there can be no objection. He has had long experience in the management of such institutions. He has the reputation from many years at the head of some one or other of our asylums of being able to work in harmony with those associated with him, and to be able to get the best service from those under his control.

But he has also a wide knowledge of medical literature and will be able to make good use of his extensive reading and observation in his new field of labor. He has travelled a good deal and has observed how public institutions are managed in other countries. He, therefore, comes to his new duties with a special equipment of good qualities.

So far in his connection with our public institutions we can apply to him the words of Samuel Johnson said of Oliver Goldsmith, *nihil erat quod non tetigit, nihil tetigit quod non ornavit*.

THE STERILIZATION OF CRIMINALS.

The medical profession cannot shut its eyes to the fact that the unfit procreate their unfortunate class all too readily. Those of the higher grades in society often remain single till late in life, or are careful to limit the number of children to those within their means of support and education. Not so with the low, degraded and criminal classes.

In looking around for ways and means of lessening this output of the objectionable element into the stream of human life. It has been found very expensive to find homes and asylums for all these. Then, again, many of them are not of the class that could be very readily committed to an institution. They can not be taken and thrown over the Tarpeian Rock into the sea, as was done in ancient times.